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Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 November 2012

Tuesday 13 November 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Ms Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, Scottish Sikh Council and Chair of Religions for Peace European Women of Faith Network

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Universal Benefits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-04327 John Scott: British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly Autumn Plenary (*for text of motion see Section F*)

Wednesday 14 November 2012

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Wellbeing (*for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 8 November 2012*)

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-04217 Neil Findlay: Christian Aid, Tax Justice Bus (*for text of motion see Section F*)

Thursday 15 November 2012

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions (*for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 8 November 2012*)

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business – S4M-04351 Nigel Don: Scottish Literature on the Big Screen (*for text of motion see Section F*)

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions (*for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Friday 9 November 2012*)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 November 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 November 2012

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Culture and External Affairs;
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2012

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time



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Section C – Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/index.htm>

Justice Committee 13 November 2012 32nd Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14:** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 November, the Committee expects to take evidence on the transfer of prison healthcare to the NHS and then on HM Chief Inspector of Prisons in Scotland's annual report 2011-12; and to consider subordinate legislation.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Health and Sport Committee 13 November 2012 31st Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Inquiry into support for community sport should be taken in private at future meetings.

2. **Petition PE1434:** The Committee will consider a petition by Nairn McDonald calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make sure every school can provide adequate sports facilities and resources for their students and to create a minimum level of facilities available.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Draft Budget 2013-2014.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 November, the Committee expects to consider in private its draft report on its inquiry into Support for Community Sport.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Public Petitions Committee 13 November 2012 16th Meeting, 2012

- The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1
1. **PE1423 - harnessing the undoubted talent of public sector staff:** The Committee will take evidence in a round table format from—
Gordon Hall, Petitioner, The Unreasonable Learners;
Professor Richard Kerley, Professor of Management, Queen Margaret University;
Dot McLaughlin, OD Programme Manager, Change and Development Team, Improvement Service;
Jim Mather, Chairman, Gael Ltd and Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde;
Dr Nicola Richards, Deputy Director, Organisational Development, Leadership and Learning, and Janet Whitley, Deputy Director, Workforce Engagement and Development, Scottish Government;
Dave Watson, Scottish Organiser (Bargaining and Campaigns), UNISON.
 2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1438](#) by Lynsey Pattie on improving services for people with mental illness
and take evidence from—
Lynsey Pattie
and will then consider—
[PE1439](#) by Jonathan McColl on betting and loan shops in deprived communities
and take evidence from—
Councillor Jonathan McColl, West Dunbartonshire Council;
Murdoch Cameron, Chairman, Balloch and Haldane Community Council.
 3. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1402](#) by Richard Jones, on behalf of Addressing the Balance, on a strategy and policy for diagnosing and treating adult ADHD in Scotland;
[PE1412](#) by Bill McDowell on bonds of caution;
[PE1415](#) by John Steele on updating the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act 1855;

[PE1425](#) by Maureen Harkness on the adverse impact of DVLA local office closures;

[PE1426](#) by Donna Scott on a national donor milk bank service;

[PE1428](#) by Councillor Douglas Philand, on behalf of Argyll First, on improvements for the A83.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 November, the Committee expects to consider petitions on investigating the cause of miscarriage, Scottish standards for the care of adult congenital heart patients, a review of the smoking ban, public access to court records, school bus safety, A90/A937 safety improvements, funding for lesser taught languages and cultures at universities, a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses, preserving marriage and improving emergency ambulance provision in remote and rural areas.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Welfare Reform Committee 13 November 2012 13th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 3

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Universal Credit - housing issues:** The Committee will take evidence on housing issues arising from the introduction of Universal Credit from—
Ken Milroy MBE, Chief Executive, Aberdeen Foyer;
Helen Barton, Customer Services Director, Albyn Housing Society;
Ian Ballantyne, Chief Executive, Scottish Veterans Housing Association.
3. **Social Fund:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, Dorothy Ogle, Policy Officer, Welfare Division, and Gordon McNicoll, Divisional Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government;
Douglas Proudfoot, Local Government Development Manager, and Anil Gupta, Chief Officer, Communities, COSLA.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/303) from—
Robin Haynes, Head of Council Tax Unit, Jenny Brough, Team Leader, Council Tax Unit, and Olive Hogg, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government;
Jonathan Sharma, Policy Manager, COSLA;
June Deans, Revenues and Benefits Manager, Glasgow City Council.
5. **Atos fact-finding visit:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 11 December, the Committee expects to take oral evidence from the Social Security Advisory Committee and to consider subordinate legislation.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Education and Culture Committee
13 November 2012
29th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Subordinate Legislation Committee
13 November 2012
25th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 5

1. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Crofting Register \(Notice of First Registration\) \(Scotland\) Order 2012 \(SSI 2012/296\);](#)
[Crofting Register \(Transfer of Ownership\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012 \(SSI 2012/297\).](#)
2. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision\) Order 2012 \(SSI 2012/283 \(C. 30\)\).](#)
3. **Growth and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Growth and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation).

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 November, the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee
14 November 2012
30th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.
3. **Growth and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Fergus Ewing, Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (LCM(S4)17.1).
4. **Inquiry into the Winning Years Strategy (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 21 November, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Capital Investment and Cities on the Cities Strategy and will continue consideration in private of the Renewables inquiry draft report.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Finance Committee
14 November 2012
29th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14:** The Committee will take evidence on the Draft Budget 2013-14 from—
Liam McArthur MSP, member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, Paul Grice, Clerk/Chief Executive, and Derek Croll, Head of Financial Resources, Scottish Parliament.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 21 November 2012, the Committee expects to take oral evidence on its Demographic change and ageing population inquiry.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee
14 November 2012
20th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private, and also decide whether to take consideration of a draft report on the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Housing Support Services (Homelessness) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]; the Homelessness (Abolition of Priority Need Test) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]; and the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (Premiums) Regulations 2012 [draft] from—
Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Stephen White, Head of Housing Options & Services Unit, Gordon McNicoll, Divisional Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Barry Stalker, Private Rented Sector Team Leader, and Jaqueline Pantony, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Margaret Burgess to move S4M-04739—
That the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee recommends that the Housing Support Services (Homelessness) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Margaret Burgess to move S4M-04740—
That the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee recommends that the Homelessness (Abolition of Priority Need Test) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Margaret Burgess to move S4M-04632—
That the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee recommends that the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (Premiums) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.
6. **Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2011-12:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ronnie Mercer, Chairman, Douglas Millican, Interim Chief Executive, and Geoff Aitkenhead, Asset Management Director, Scottish Water;
and then from—
Alan Sutherland, Chief Executive, and John Simpson, Director of Analysis, Water Industry Commission for Scotland.
7. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14:** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 21 November, the Committee will consider its draft report on the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Local Government and Regeneration Committee
14 November 2012
25th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 5

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 21 November, the Committee expects to take oral evidence on the Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report for 2011/12. The Committee also expects to consider subordinate legislation, as well as consider a draft of the report on its inquiry on public services reform and local government: strand 2 – benchmarking and performance measurement.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee 14 November 2012 25th Meeting, 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
 - Snares (Identification Numbers and Tags) (Scotland) Order 2012 SSI/2012/282;
 - INSPIRE (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 SSI/2012/284.
2. **The Crown Estate in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Ronnie Quinn, Lead for Energy and Infrastructure in Scotland, Alex Adrian, Aquaculture Manager, and Alan Laidlaw, Rural and Coastal Portfolio Manager, Scotland, The Crown Estate.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 21 November, the Committee will hear from Ian Hudghton MEP and Struan Stevenson MEP via videoconference on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

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Section E – Written questions lodged on 9 November 2012

Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

S4W-11071 Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government how much (a) revenue and (b) capital funding has been allocated to North Lanarkshire Council for 2012–13.

S4W-11072 Jamie McGrigor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the safety of the crossings on the A83 at (a) Tarbert and (b) Ardrishaig.

S4W-11073 Jamie McGrigor: To ask the Scottish Government how much it will invest in improving the safety of the crossings on the A83 at (a) Tarbert and (b) Ardrishaig.

S4W-11074 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the ETSU-R-97 spatial regulation on wind farm deployments and housing, in light of recently published studies on the effects of wind farms on health.

S4W-11075 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what scientific evidence it has considered in relation to setting minimum distances of wind farms from housing.

S4W-11076 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has a duty of care to residents who have poor health as a result of inappropriately situated wind farms.

S4W-11077 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to an independent Scotland's membership of the EU, what its position is on the statement by Catalonia's regional leader, Artur Mas, on 7 November 2012 that "The European treaties do not say Catalonia can stay in the EU, but they don't say the opposite either."

S4W-11097 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-10110 by Margaret Burgess on 31 October 2012, how the table provided in that answer can be reconciled with the data in its online publication, *Housing Statistics for Scotland – Social Sector new build*.

S4W-11110 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government with which regions of the EU that receive structural funding it has partnership agreements for sharing

knowledge and experience and how the per capita income of these regions compares with that of Scotland.

S4W-11111 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) EU and (b) non-EU students started studying at Scottish universities, colleges and language schools in (a) 2011, (b) 2012 and are expected to start in 2013.

S4W-11112 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding from the (a) European Social Fund and (b) European Regional Development Fund was (i) available to and (ii) drawn down in Scotland in each of the last 10 years, and how much will be available to Scotland in (A) 2013-14 and (B) 2014-15.

S4W-11113 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the proposals by the European Commission to harmonise EU roadworthiness regulations and their effect on owners of classic and vintage cars in an independent Scotland.

S4W-11114 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to an independent Scotland, whether it has made representations to the European Commission on lifting the restrictions on purchasing credit default swaps on securities issued by European governments and whether it has made an estimate of the cost of this restriction on gilt issuance and liquidity in the gilt market.

S4W-11115 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with other administrations regarding transparency in economic matters.

S4W-11116 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government how many victims of human trafficking returned from Scotland to their country of origin were (a) EU, (b) European non-EU and (c) non-European nationals and what the cost was in each of the last five years.

S4W-11118 Helen Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government which agricultural estates in Scotland received the 10 largest amounts of funding from the EU common agricultural policy in the last year for which information is available.

S4W-11122 Mary Scanlon: To ask the Scottish Government what the cost was of bringing the Land Register in line with the terms of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.

S4W-11123 Mary Scanlon: To ask the Scottish Government what timescale the Registers of Scotland has been given to ensure that the Land Register is cleansed of all appropriate historical burdens.

S4W-11124 Mary Scanlon: To ask the Scottish Government whether the abolition of feudal tenure reforms arising from the Abolition of Feudal Tenure (Scotland) Act 2000 have been completed.

S4W-11125 Mary Scanlon: To ask the Scottish Government when the Crofting Register will be (a) operational and (b) considered fit for purpose.

S4W-11126 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how it will achieve a saving of £12.7 million in the rail infrastructure budget between 2012-13 and 2013-14 as indicated in its 2013-14 draft budget.

S4W-11127 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £53 million allocated to major public transport projects in the 2011-12 Scottish Budget was spent on (a) the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme and (b) the Borders railway project.

S4W-11128 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £39.8 million that was allocated to major public transport projects in the 2012-13 Scottish Budget will be spent on (a) the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme and (b) the Borders railway project.

S4W-11129 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the £44.4 million allocated to major public transport projects in the 2013-14 draft budget will be spent on (a) the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme and (b) the Borders railway project.

S4W-11130 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £35 million allocated to support for sustainable and active travel in the 2013-14 draft budget will be allocated to investing in infrastructure that will allow the use of electric and low-carbon vehicles.

S4W-11131 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £35 million allocated to support for sustainable and active travel in the 2013-14 draft budget will be allocated to delivering the actions in the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland.

S4W-11132 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £35 million allocated to support for sustainable and active travel in the 2013-14 draft budget will be allocated to funding for the next phase of the Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Scheme.

S4W-11133 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government whether the affordable housing supply budget for 2013-14 will include the former Home Owners' Support Fund.

S4W-11134 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how many social housing approvals there were in (a) 2009-10, (b) 2010-11 and (c) 2011-12.

S4W-11135 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how much was allocated from the Innovation and Investment Fund to (a) new council house building, (b) registered social landlord building and (c) the Innovation Fund.

S4W-11136 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-10110 by Margaret Burgess on 31 October 2012, whether it was a condition of bids to the Innovation and Investment Fund for (a) new council house building and (b) the registered social landlord programme that work must have started on site by the end of March 2012.

S4W-11138 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-10110 by Margaret Burgess on 31 October 2012, whether the core criteria for bids to the Innovation Fund required that, by 31 March 2012, (a) projects should be able to achieve detailed planning consent and (b) housing should be capable of starting on site.

S4W-11139 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government how many housing starts were recorded for homes for social rent in each (a) of the first two quarters of 2012 and (b) quarter of each year since 2007.

S4W-11140 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on Scottish Natural Heritage's new Trend Note, *Seabirds in Scotland*, indicating a continuing decline in Scotland's seabird numbers and what action it plans to take to prevent further decline.

S4W-11141 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) policy and (b) management tools it has available to help stop the decline in Scotland's seabird numbers.

S4W-11142 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how many marine protected sites are designated for the protection of foraging seabirds.

S4W-11143 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what correspondence it has received from members of the public regarding the inclusion of seabirds in the marine protected area process.

S4W-11144 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scotland is a globally important location for seabirds.

S4W-11145 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-09470 by Fergus Ewing on 24 September 2012, what it is doing to develop quantitative analyses of the benefits of marine protected areas.

S4W-11146 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-09471 by Fergus Ewing on 24 September 2012, whether it will consider evidence from the rest of the UK or other temperate marine ecosystems in the sustainability appraisal.

S4W-11147 Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) deaths and (b) hospitalisations have been caused by so-called legal highs in each of the last three years, broken down by (i) NHS board and (ii) drug.

S4W-11148 Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of people have had (i) an eye test and (ii) two dental examinations in each of the last three years, broken down by (A) NHS board, (B) gender and (C) age.

S4W-11149 Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Government how many properties VisitScotland has classified under its quality assurance scheme, broken down by (a) star rating and (b) type of accommodation.

S4W-11150 Stewart Maxwell: To ask the Scottish Government how often a property classified by VisitScotland under its quality assurance scheme is reinspected.

S4W-11151 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what the implications for the Scottish budget would be if income tax was increased in Scotland.

S4W-11152 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time is between the conclusion of a public local inquiry and a ministerial decision.

S4W-11153 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it gives to community councils to ensure that any representations that they make as statutory consultees in the planning process are informed, relevant, democratically agreed and reflective of the views of the communities that they represent.

S4W-11154 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has requested an extension for Glasgow in the UK's application to the European Commission for a time extension to meet air quality targets for nitrogen dioxide in the UK.

S4W-11155 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government when Scotland will be compliant with the European air quality targets for nitrogen dioxide for 2010.

S4W-11156 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to be told whether the application to the European Commission to extend the deadline for meeting nitrogen dioxide pollution levels in Glasgow has been successful.



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Section F – Motions and Amendments

Motions and amendments are normally printed the day after they are lodged. If an amendment is lodged to a motion then the original motion will appear alongside the amendment, along with any support lodged that day, in this section.

Each Monday, this section also contains all motions and amendments lodged the previous week that are still live and any motions and amendments that have been lodged for debate in the coming week. A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted from the list.

Where a motion or amendment has been withdrawn, it is indicated in this section the day after it has been withdrawn. Support for motions and amendments received after they are lodged is shown at the end of this section the day after such support is received.

Motions and amendments can be published with various symbols:

- Asterisks before the motion or amendment number indicate a motion or amendment published for the first time;
- Asterisks also identify alterations to the text of a motion or amendment made since it was first published;
- A hash symbol identifies motions eligible for debate at Members' Business;
- A diamond symbol identifies motions lodged for Members' Business that have not yet attracted the required cross-party support;
- An "R", identifies motions or amendments in which the Member who lodged it has a registrable interest.

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments not scheduled for debate and which are over six weeks old.

A search facility is also available on the Scottish Parliament web site at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.

Any questions in relation to this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk, for which contact details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

New and altered motions and amendments

***S4M-04775 Clare Adamson: Motherwell Youth Voice, Truth About Youth Awards 2012**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the nominees at the Young Scot Truth About Youth Awards, which were hosted on 6 November 2012 by Motherwell Youth Voice at the Glo Centre, Motherwell, and compered by Colin McLeod of the Tree of Knowledge; commends the winners, Andrew Mooney, Christopher Tyrrell, Jenna Scott, Louise Elliott, Nicole Kane, Gemma Park and Gary Kelman, on their service to their communities; believes that these awards are recognition of their hard work in volunteering with various notable charities and organisations; notes what it sees as the extraordinary efforts of Nina Mullen, the chair of the Motherwell Youth Voice, and the group's committee members in organising an entertaining event; compliments My Generation, from Reeltime Music, on what it considers an excellent performance; commends the keynote speech from Louise Macdonald, the chief executive of Young Scot, which it believes was inspiring; understands that Motherwell Youth Voice is a highly regarded organisation with many notable sponsors including *Motherwell Times*, Motherwell Community Forum, NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership, and praises the success of all of the members of Motherwell Youth Voice on what it believes are their notable achievements in the community.

***S4M-04774 Dennis Robertson: Congratulations to Emile Sandé**—That the Parliament congratulates Emile Sandé, originally from Alford, Aberdeenshire, on winning the Best Female, Best R&B and Best Album titles at the 2012 MOBO Awards, understands that her success at the awards, which were held in Liverpool, follows the release of her album, *Our Version of Events*; considers that this success, along her with her performances at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2012 Olympics Games in London, her Q Award for Best Solo Artist and her recent number one single, is tremendous; notes that November 2012 will see Ms Sandé begin the longest tour of her career, and wishes her the best of luck.

Supported by: Jamie McGrigor*, Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*, Hanzala Malik*, Roderick Campbell*, Patricia Ferguson*, Jackie Baillie*, Gordon MacDonald*, Richard Lyle*

***S4M-04773 Rob Gibson: Scotland Sings**—That the Parliament urges as many people as possible to sing on St Andrew's Day as part of the event, Scotland Sings, which runs from 30 November to 2 December 2012; considers that singing is good for you and that it should make you smile; welcomes the role of Hands Up For Trad in coordinating and encouraging participation in singing projects across Scotland and in providing the support required to start a new choir where none currently exists; believes that this work inspires people to get involved in community choirs in their own area, and considers that all anyone needs to participate in singing is a voice and, if joining a choir is not an option, believes that singing with friends or a band is just as enjoyable.

***S4M-04772 Stewart Maxwell: Retirement of Badminton Star Susan Egelstaff**—That the Parliament notes the retirement from competitive badminton of Susan Egelstaff after a distinguished career for which she is considered to be Scotland's most successful singles player of the past 20 years; recognises the tremendous

contribution that it believes Ms Egelstaff has made to badminton in Scotland, gaining 90 caps at international level and becoming the first Scot to win a match at the Olympic Games; notes that her successes include seven international titles, a team bronze medal with Scotland at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester and a women's singles bronze medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne; considers that Ms Egelstaff, who first started playing badminton at nine, to be an inspiration to young people looking to follow in her footsteps, and wishes her all the best in her retirement from the sport and in her future endeavours.

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***S4M-04771 Margaret Mitchell: Falls: Measuring the Impact on Older People—**

That the Parliament notes the findings of the WRVS survey, *Falls: measuring the impact on older people*, which stated that one in three people over 65 falls every year; understands that, in Scotland, 23% of older people reported that they had fallen either at home or outside in the last year and that 20% reported that they had extensive physical injuries as a result; recognises that Scotland has an ageing population and believes that falls and their consequences are a growing concern for people, communities and service providers; considers that a fall can have an impact on an older person's confidence, which can lead to social exclusion and the loss of independence as they might fear leaving their home; further considers that there is a particular need for assistance and support during the winter season as older people are more vulnerable to falls during this time; notes that 28% of respondents to the WRVS survey stated that they avoid going out during the winter because of the fear of falling; acknowledges the key aspects for development noted by WRVS, many of which, it understands, were highlighted in the *Up and About or Falling Short* report by the National Falls Programme that was published in March 2012 and stated "Scotland still has much to do to provide older people with equitable, high quality services for fall and fracture prevention"; commends the work to date of the National Falls Programme, and hopes that NHS boards, community health partnerships and local authorities will work together to help prevent older people from experiencing a fall this winter and in the future.

***S4M-04770 Sandra White: Improving Skills and Confidence of Young Men—**

That the Parliament congratulates the National Theatre of Scotland on securing £45,315 from Young Start, a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund to distribute money from dormant bank accounts aimed at creating opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help them realise their potential; understands that the grant will help to deliver a performance-based project that will benefit male teenagers in Glasgow; believes that about 60 socially isolated teenagers aged between 14 and 16 will participate in parkour, performance workshops and other theatre-based activities to develop their confidence and skills, culminating in performances that it is believed will benefit a further 1,500 young men and their parents, and wishes everyone involved the best of success.

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***S4M-04769 Margaret Mitchell: Partners in Play**—That the Parliament acknowledges the ongoing work of the independent charity, Partners in Play (PIP), which was established in 1996 and is based in Wishaw; understands that the charity operates across North Lanarkshire and offers direct support, help and information to families of disabled children and young people through its three main services, Initial Inclusive Support (IIS), Family Support Service and Route 13; believes that, through its IIS programme, PIP promotes the expansion of inclusive recreational opportunities for children and young people in their communities by developing relationships with local organisations so that they can confidently include disabled children in the club or activity on a regular basis; understands that PIP helps to build the whole family's confidence, skills and abilities and offers support and guidance to families at the point where their child has been diagnosed as disabled or with additional support needs, that it is an information resource and provides access to support services that reflect the changing needs of the child and family; considers that the Route 13 group, which provides free respite for carers and social/group-based activities for young people aged 10 to 18 across North Lanarkshire, is a great benefit to these young people and their families and carers; believes that PIP provides an excellent service, and wishes the charity all the best for the future.

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***S4M-04768 Bob Doris: Congratulating ng homes**—That the Parliament welcomes a double success for ng homes in North Glasgow with Robert Tamburrini, chief executive, winning the Scottish Social Enterprise Leader of the Year award at the Scottish Social Enterprise Awards 2012 for the innovation it is considered he has brought to the social enterprise community, and ng2, which is a subsidiary of ng homes, being shortlisted in the the YESS to Jobs category of the Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF) Awards, the results of which are due to be announced on 12 December; understands that the SURF Awards, delivered by Scotland's independent regeneration network, highlights regeneration efforts that are independently judged to be making a significant difference in disadvantaged communities across Scotland, and congratulates all at ng homes and ng2 for their hard work and commitment in attaining their success, which, it believes, will benefit tenants and the wider community.

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***S4M-04767 Roderick Campbell: Study into the Genetic Background of Red Hair**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a research project by ScotlandsDNA to find out more about the red hair gene; understands that Scotland has one of the largest populations of people with red hair in the world, with 650,000 people, or 13% of the total population; recognises that people with a variation of naturally red hair in Scotland may experience a form of what it considers to be unfair treatment, which, while in most cases light-hearted and confined to childhood, can be considered as bullying and abusive; understands that the presence of red hair is generally a result of the possession of two copies of a recessive gene on chromosome 16, which causes a mutation in the MC1R protein affecting hair colour,

and hopes that the research project carried out by ScotlandsDNA will provide more information about the genetic background of this characteristic that is prevalent in Scotland.

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***S4M-04766 Colin Keir: Commendation of the Almond Mains Initiative**—That the Parliament congratulates the Almond Mains Initiative (AMI) on enriching the quality of many older people's lives over the last 14 years; commends the hard work of the AMI volunteers, who, it considers, continue to improve the lives of many older people, providing a day each week in which they can get out of the house to do something different while giving them the chance to meet new people just like themselves; believes that, without the group and the dedication of its volunteers, many older people would have a poorer quality of life, and considers that the initiative is a great asset to the community.

***S4M-04765 Stewart Maxwell: Congratulations to Scottish Military Research Group**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Military Research Group on what it considers its important Scottish War Memorial Project and Scottish War Graves Project; notes that the details of over 3,400 war memorials have been recorded and photographs of more than 15,500 war graves in Scotland have been collected; believes that this record of Scotland's military past will prove invaluable, and urges anyone with information about names on war memorials or about a war grave to contact the Scottish Military Research Group.

S4M-04764 Mary Scanlon: Homecoming Parade for RAF Lossiemouth Personnel—That the Parliament welcomes what it considers the large crowds that turned out in Elgin town centre to welcome home RAF Lossiemouth servicemen and women on their return from active service in Afghanistan; notes that some 150 members of No 5 Force Protection Wing, made up of 51 Squadron RAF Regiment and 2622 (Highland) Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment marched through Elgin on a route lined by hundreds of spectators; further notes that the homecoming parade was hosted by Moray Council and included speeches from the convener of Moray Council, Stewart Cree, the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Clare Russell, and Major General Seymour Monro, honorary air commodore of 2662 (Highland) Squadron; understands that the servicemen and women returned from Afghanistan on 2 November 2012 at the end of a demanding six-month deployment at Camp Bastion, and wishes all the personnel and their families very best wishes on their safe return home.

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S4M-04763 Gil Paterson: Never too Old to Learn—That the Parliament congratulates Tom Winter, of Radnor Park in Clydebank on, it understands, passing with flying colours a top SVQ in Governance of Scottish Housing Associations; notes

Tom's continued involvement in his community, which includes being the chairman of Clydebank Housing Association's voluntary management committee; believes that Tom proves that, at 85 years-old, a person is never too old to learn new skills and develop knowledge that not only enhances their community involvement but is also beneficial to the groups in which they participate.

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S4M-04762 Gil Paterson: Guide Dog Fundraising—That the Parliament commends Gordon Buchan of Parkhall in Clydebank for what it considers his tremendous efforts in raising money for Guide Dogs Scotland in unusual but effective ways, such as arranging with the local police inspector to have him arrested or arranging a tournament for residents to challenge a local snooker pro; understands that the cost of supporting a guide dog is around £50,000, and welcomes Gordon's efforts, which it considers will make a much-valued difference to the lives of those who require the support of a guide dog, with the donations raised going toward supporting a guide dog from birth to retirement.

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S4M-04761 Angus MacDonald: Gaelic Language Education—That the Parliament congratulates Kinnaird Primary School on receiving a good report following a recent inspection; notes that success in learning Gaelic and a very popular out-of-class Gaelic club are mentioned in the inspection letter, and encourages other schools in Falkirk district and beyond to emulate Kinnaird Primary School by delivering a high standard of Gaelic language education.

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***S4M-04760 Bill Kidd: DRC Generations**—That the Parliament congratulates DRC Generations on securing a £50,000 grant from the Young Start programme; understands that Young Start is a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund aimed at creating opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help them realise their potential; understands that DRC Generations will use this one-year grant to develop its peer support project for young people in Glasgow; understands that the money from the programme will fund staff costs, sessional staff, venue costs, transport, research and the recruitment of 50 to 60 new volunteers; believes that DRC Generations provides outstanding support to the youth of north west and south west Glasgow, and wishes the organisation all the best in its future endeavours.

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S4M-04759# Jean Urquhart: The Use of Video-conferencing—That the Parliament acknowledges the logistical difficulties for individuals and organisations from the Highlands and Islands, as well as other parts of Scotland, of travelling to the Parliament; considers that these difficulties, which can involve substantial sums of money and amounts of time, impact adversely on the ability of constituents from these areas to engage with the work of the Parliament and vice versa; considers that the use of technology, such as online consultations and streaming of committee meetings and chamber business, has provided alternative long-distance methods of engagement; further considers that video-conferencing technology has brought advantages to the Highlands and Islands, where it has been used by NHS Highland, the University of the Highlands and Islands and other public agencies; considers this use to be a model for other public bodies and organisations seeking to ameliorate logistical difficulties, and believes that, although it is not a panacea, use of technology such as video-conferencing will help to connect constituents and the Parliament and provide an alternative for individuals and organisations looking to take part in cross-party groups and give evidence to committees.

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S4M-04758 David Stewart: World Diabetes Day 2012—That the Parliament acknowledges that 14 November 2012 is World Diabetes Day, which is being led by the International Diabetes Federation and its member associations, including Diabetes UK, and is recognised as an official United Nations Day; understands that World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat that diabetes poses; understands that there are almost 250,000 people who have been diagnosed with diabetes in Scotland and that access to good healthcare and treatment is key to helping them manage their condition; welcomes the launch of Diabetes UK's campaign that focuses on children and young people and its aim to increase awareness of the symptoms and warning signs for type 1 diabetes; believes that, in many cases, type 2 diabetes can be prevented through healthy eating and physical activity, and welcomes this year's parliamentary reception, which is scheduled for 20 November 2012, to mark World Diabetes Day 2012.

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S4M-04757 Jackie Baillie: Adverse Effects of Inflammatory Bowel Disease on the Working-age Population—That the Parliament notes what it considers to be the seriously debilitating impact that inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) has on the lives of Scotland's working-age population; further notes the results of a 2010-11 survey,

which shows that about one in every 250 adults across the UK have this long-term inflammatory condition in either of its two types, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease; regrets that IBD has become so widespread; further regrets that over half of those with IBD have, it understands, had to reduce their working hours due to their condition and that this disease continues to severely weaken the physical and mental health of the working-age population; considers IBD to be a key challenge that Scotland must deal with; commends the charity, Crohn's and Colitis UK, for its research on IBD, as well as Abbott UK for supporting these efforts through funding, and urges the Scottish Government to work toward finding a solution to the challenges posed by IBD.

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***S4M-04757.1 Bill Kidd: Adverse Effects of Inflammatory Bowel Disease on the Working-age Population**—As an amendment to motion S4M-04757 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Adverse Effects of Inflammatory Bowel Disease on the Working-age Population), leave out from first “regrets” to end and insert “understands that the number of people with IBD in Scotland can be linked to a genetic component, with evidence suggesting that between 5% and 35% of people with the condition have a family member who is also affected; considers that despite there currently being no cure for IBD, the NHS is dedicated to ensuring that the symptoms of people with IBD are treated by providing specialised treatment that is tailored to the needs of each patient; praises the hard work and coordination of specialist doctors, IBD nurses and staff across Scotland in ensuring the best possible health for IBD patients, working-age or otherwise; commends the research of Crohn's and Colitis UK, and welcomes the awareness that this brings to continuing the services offered by the NHS that ensure the best quality of life for many Scots.”

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S4M-04756 Claire Baker: Furniture Plus Earns Revolve Accreditation—That the Parliament congratulates Furniture Plus on earning Revolve accredited quality status; understands that the Fife recycling charity is one of the first organisations in Scotland to earn the new quality accreditation; believes that the Revolve Standard was launched by Zero Waste Scotland for re-use organisations and was set up to raise awareness and increase shoppers' confidence in buying previously-owned goods; hopes that this accreditation will be a great boost to Furniture Plus and the Fife economy; notes that Blythswood Care in Ross-shire also received accreditation, and wishes the best of luck to the other 20 re-use organisations that are working toward their own Revolve accreditation.

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S4M-04755 Jackie Baillie: Lung Cancer Awareness Month—That the Parliament notes the eighth Lung Cancer Awareness Month, which, it understands, is marked every November; believes that, in 2012, its aim is to increase awareness of, and inform and educate people about, the importance of early detection and diagnosis of the condition; understands that, after breast cancer, lung cancer is the second most common cancer diagnosed in the UK and that around 41,500 people were diagnosed with it in 2009; believes with regret that it is the most common cause of cancer death and accounts for more than one in five cancer deaths; notes that, in 2010, over 4,800 people in Scotland were diagnosed with it; understands that there is a close link between tobacco and cancer and that smoking is the cause of more than 80% of lung cancers in the UK; regrets that rates of lung cancer in Scotland are among the highest in the world; believes that this reflects Scotland's history of a high prevalence of smoking, and appreciates all of the efforts made to raise awareness about the disease and its causes.

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S4M-04754 Elaine Smith: Tony Watt—That the Parliament congratulates Coatbridge-born footballer Tony Watt on what it understands has been his recent success with Celtic; acknowledges that he scored what turned out to be the winning goal against Barcelona, which, it believes, are widely considered as the best club in the world, at Celtic Park on 7 November 2012; considers that this was a historic moment for both Tony and Celtic, particularly on the club's 125th anniversary; notes that Tony was raised in Coatbridge and is a former pupil of St Andrew's High School; understands that he was signed by Celtic after a two-year spell at Airdrie United; believes that he is in the early years of his career, and wishes him all the best for the future.

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S4M-04753 Gil Paterson: Carbon Target Hit—That the Parliament congratulates West Dunbartonshire Council on, it understands, not only meeting its carbon targets but exceeding them; believes that the council was among the first in the UK to achieve the carbon masters standard for exceeding targets; understands that, in the last two years and five months of an SNP administration in West Dunbartonshire, emissions were cut to its current headline level of 11%, and wishes the new West Dunbartonshire Council administration and its officials well in matching this cut during the current term.

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S4M-04752 Gil Paterson: Top Place for Old Kilpatrick Resident—That the Parliament congratulates Fiona Mackay of Old Kilpatrick who, it understands, has been given a place on the Master Court of the Tailors Incorporation of the Ancient and Historical Trades House of Glasgow; understands that Ms Mackay is self-employed and runs a company that produces corporate video and promotional events in various industries; notes the involvement of the Trades House in education, social work and craft skills, and wishes Fiona Mackay all the very best in her new role and on encouraging more people to take up apprenticeships.

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S4M-04751 Gil Paterson: Clydebank Co-op Christmas Appeal—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Clydebank Co-operative Society's Christmas appeal, which, it understands, will see the society match pound-for-pound all donations up to £5,000 in order to raise money for churches in the area and the St Margaret of Scotland Hospice in Clydebank; commends what it sees as the hospice's continued excellent work and commitment and support for patients and their families, and wishes the appeal all the best this Christmas.

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***S4M-04750◆ Christine Grahame: Pink Ladies 1st**—That the Parliament recognises what it believes is the sterling contribution of the third sector and, in particular, small charities such as the Midlothian-based Pink Ladies 1st; understands that, since September 2011, Pink Ladies 1st has supported over 100 women, helping them deal with the impact of anxiety, depression and other mental health conditions by improving their self-confidence through self-management and acquiring new skills; notes that, in 2011, Pink Ladies 1st was presented with the Outstanding Achievement of the Year by Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland; understands however, that, like many other modest but successful third sector charities, Pink Ladies 1st finds funding a constant problem, and believes that Pink Ladies 1st has an important role in the integration of health and social care.

S4M-04749 Marco Biagi: Future of Hearts FC in Doubt—That the Parliament express its concern regarding the winding-up petition issued to Heart of Midlothian Football Club by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) over a reportedly unpaid tax bill; understands that the club is facing the genuine threat of entering into liquidation that will lead to job losses; acknowledges that the club sits in the heart of Edinburgh’s Gorgie-Dalry area; believes that it plays an important role in many community projects in the local area and that it carries the affections of many people in Scotland and across the world; hopes that the club and HMRC can reach an agreement on the outstanding balance of tax due, while protecting the long-term future of the club, and is sure that the fans of the club will continue their long-standing support throughout this time.

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S4M-04747 Neil Findlay: Livingston’s Continuing Association with WL Gore Associates UK—That the Parliament congratulates WL Gore Associates UK on its 28-year association with Livingston; commends the company on the completion of a £5 million refurbishment of its fabrics facility; notes its success in topping the poll in the *Sunday Times* UK Best Companies to Work For list for what it understands is a record fourth, consecutive year and the Best Company in Scotland to Work For for nine successive years; wishes the company and its workers well for the future, and supports their ongoing relationship with Livingston.

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S4M-04746 Angus MacDonald: Congratulations to Falkirk-based Alexander Dennis Ltd—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish bus manufacturer, Alexander Dennis Ltd (ADL), on securing orders worth £220 million for almost 1,000 vehicles; acknowledges the assistance of the Scottish Government’s Green Bus Fund in securing many of these contracts from Scottish bus operators; considers that teamwork, with management working closely with the workforce to compete against strong competition from other parts of the UK and the continent, has resulted in the ADL success story over recent years, which it believes is thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the ADL’s chief executive officer, Colin Robertson, and his team, who have transformed the firm into a world-leading manufacturer, producing world-class buses, which are selling globally; understands that ADL’s success is fuelled by two revolutionary new buses, the first being a ground-breaking, three-axle double deck for export markets that is lighter, more fuel-efficient, easier to maintain, can carry 135 passengers and is known as the new generation Enviro500, with orders for over 530 from Hong Kong’s leading bus operators; further notes ADL’s plans to introduce its next-generation hybrid-electric bus; understands that ADL already has 600 hybrids operating in the UK, in many cases achieving fuel and CO2 reductions of 60% compared with previous diesel equivalents, with the latest technology introducing stop-start hybrids, enabling zero emissions as vehicles pull away from bus stops, with further reduction in fuel consumption and emissions by another 8 to

10%; considers that market confidence in the new technology is so high that ADL has already received advance orders for 150 vehicles, which will be delivered between now and the summer of 2013, going into operation with fleets such as National Express, Stagecoach, FirstGroup, Go-Ahead, London United and Metroline London; further understands that ADL's market-leading Enviro200, a highly manoeuvrable, small, fuel-efficient midi-bus, continues to be a world best-seller, also enjoying 56% of the UK market in this sector, with orders for 175 for both home and export markets; notes ADL's plans for further expansion into the North American market through a joint venture with New Flyer Industries, North America's biggest bus and coach manufacturer, which has the potential for 1,000 vehicle sales a year in the USA and Canada, and wishes ADL continued success in the future.

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S4M-04745 Jim Eadie: Making Headway for 30 Years—That the Parliament congratulates the Edinburgh Headway Group as it celebrates its 30th anniversary; thanks Headway for the work that it carries out supporting people with acquired brain injury and their carers; recognises the importance of Headway House at Astley Ainslie Hospital as a relaxed and friendly base for brain-injured people and their families; applauds the variety of activities offered to group members to aid their rehabilitation; commends the work of all who volunteer at Headway House, and recognises what it considers the particular dedication of Bill Bryden and Headway Edinburgh's chair, Jean Bryden MBE, as they retire from the management committee after 30 years' service.

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S4M-04744 Bruce Crawford: Congratulations to Gartmore Community Trust—That the Parliament congratulates Gartmore Community Trust on receiving funding of £528,000 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that this will be used to refurbish and extend the village hall; believes that both the trust and the local community are ecstatic to have received this award as it is the culmination of a great deal of effort by them; commends those involved in the bid for their hard work, and looks forward to the completion of the work, which is expected in September 2013, and the unveiling of a state-of-the-art community facility that it considers will enhance and enrich life in and around the village of Gartmore.

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S4M-04743 Bob Doris: Congratulating Glasgow’s Early Years Early Action Group—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow’s Early Years Early Action Group, a collaboration between 12 voluntary groups and Glasgow City Council, on its £1 million early intervention project that provides a support network for struggling parents and children in Glasgow; understands that the partnership has helped 1,989 children and 1,697 parents in Glasgow; acknowledges that a celebration was held on 6 November 2012 in honour of the successes of the partnership, which was attended by Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, Tam Baillie, Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People and Karyn McCluskey from the Violence Reduction Unit, among others; understands that the Scottish Government provided the partnership with £981,877 to help vulnerable families; believes that the partnership allows voluntary groups to share information and resources to best meet the needs of its beneficiaries, and wishes continued success for the partnership and all other groups that are working to improve the lives of people in Scotland.

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S4M-04742 Kenneth Gibson: Book Week, 26 November to 2 December—That the Parliament supports Scotland’s first book week, which will be held by the Scottish Book Trust on behalf of Creative Scotland from 26 November to 2 December 2012; understands that it will celebrate Scottish literary talent and provide an educational platform to young people in Scotland; notes that the main features of the week include a pack of three free picture books for all primary 1 schoolchildren in Scotland, a pop-up book festival at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, author-led events and a national reading hour on St Andrew’s day; acknowledges that Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, said that the week “will encourage the whole nation to embrace reading’s unique capacity for personal enrichment, education, solace, pleasure and growth”; understands that Book Week Scotland will be supported with £150,000 from Creative Scotland’s National Events programme, which is funded by the National Lottery, and highlights the cultural and educational benefits that it believes the week will bring to Scotland.

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S4M-04741 Kenneth Gibson: Ivory Worship, Growth of Illicit Ivory Trade—That the Parliament notes with concern what it considers the worrying growth in elephant poaching and the illegal ivory trade, which it believes is driven by the demand for carved ivory religious objects, particularly in China and the Philippines; understands that elephant poaching levels are at their worst for two decades and that seizures of illegal ivory are at their highest level in years, with 6.1 tonnes bound for the Philippines recently seized by Taiwan, a tonnage representing around 1,745 illegally killed elephants; notes comments by Jose Yuchongco, Chief of the Philippine Customs Police, who said that “The Philippines is a favourite destination of these

smuggled elephant tusks, maybe because Filipino Catholics are fond of images of saints that are made of ivory”, while also recognising the view of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which argues that the Philippines is merely a transit country for ivory headed to China, where the government has licensed at least 35 carving factories, 130 ivory retail outlets and sponsors ivory carving at schools such as the Beijing University of Technology; understands that sales of Buddhist jewellery and related religious products, much of which is carved from ivory, reached \$15.8 billion in China in 2011 and is growing annually by 50%, thus leading to a rapidly increasing demand for ivory; notes the views of Kenneth Burnham, the official statistician for the CITES programme to monitor illegally killed elephants, who states that it is highly likely that poachers killed at least 25,000 African elephants in 2011, but that the figure may, in fact, be double that; applauds CITES as the official administrator of the 1989 global ivory ban for preventing the extermination of the elephant following the slaughter of the 1980s, in which it is estimated that Africa lost half of its elephants, equivalent to 600,000 in 10 years; raises concern however that CITES is underfunded and underresourced, employing only one enforcement officer in 2011 to police more than 30,000 animal and plant species, and considers that CITES should therefore be better funded and resourced and that more nations should be encouraged to sign up to the CITES treaty in order to tackle the illegal ivory trade and educate their populations on the impact of poaching elephants to protect already increasingly endangered elephants from extinction.

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S4M-04740 Margaret Burgess: Homelessness (Abolition of Priority Need Test) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]—That the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee recommends that the Homelessness (Abolition of Priority Need Test) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon

S4M-04739 Margaret Burgess: Housing Support Services (Homelessness) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]—That the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee recommends that the Housing Support Services (Homelessness) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon

S4M-04738 Anne McTaggart: Further Incidents of Self-immolation in Tibet—That the Parliament understands that there have been two recent incidents of self-immolation, by Dorje Lungdup and Taming Tso, in the troubled region of Tibet and sends its sincere condolences to the friends and families of the protesters; understands that, since 2009, 64 Tibetans have set themselves on fire as a form of protest; appreciates the struggles of the Tibetan people against what is seen as Chinese Government oppression, and urges the Scottish and UK governments to apply diplomatic pressure to resolve what it considers the appalling treatment of the Tibetan people.

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S4M-04736 David Stewart: Congratulations to Ackergill Tower, Wick—That the Parliament congratulates Ackergill Tower in Wick on being awarded five star status, becoming one of the few properties across Scotland to achieve this prestigious standard and the only one in the Highlands; considers that the recent £2 million investment in the Ackergill Tower will bring benefits to the local Caithness as well as the wider Highland economy by boosting local business, increasing tourism and developing links with Wick John o’Groats Airport; wishes the management and staff every success in the future, and considers that this is a great development for the Highlands.

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S4M-04735 Jamie Hepburn: Cumbernauld XS Taekwondo Club Successful at Championship—That the Parliament congratulates the students of Cumbernauld-based XS Taekwondo on their recent success at the Open GTUK Championship in Warwickshire; notes that the 28-person team achieved 10 gold, 12 silver and five bronze medals, and believes that a high standard was achieved by all of the students who competed, that the students displayed talent and pride in their local area, performed extremely well and that they proudly represented their Cumbernauld-based club.

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S4M-04734 Rob Gibson: New Energy Apprenticeships in Highlands—That the Parliament welcomes the partnership between the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and SSE to create employment and apprenticeship opportunities near its electricity generation and transmission projects; considers that the apprenticeship programme, which creates 30 trainee places at UHI, will be a major opportunity to many who wish to take forward their studies in what it considers the important field of engineering and that the commitment to employ more people in local areas will, along with community benefit, have a positive outcome for the local economy, and welcomes that many of these opportunities will come from renewable energy projects, such as wind and hydro, that people living in Caithness and Sutherland and the Great Glen in particular can benefit from.

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S4M-04733 Bob Doris: Home-Start Glasgow North West—That the Parliament congratulates Home-Start Glasgow North West on securing an award from the Big Lottery Fund; believes that this will bring financial security to the service, which, it understands, offers bespoke support for struggling families in north west Glasgow; understands that its 23 trained volunteers work with up to 30 families for several hours each week; believes that 70% of the families that it deals with are referred to it by either social work or health visitors and that 65% are from asylum-seeker or refugee backgrounds, and wishes Home-Start Glasgow North West well as it celebrates its AGM at which, it understands, the wider community will have an opportunity to hear from service users of what is seen as its invaluable work.

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S4M-04732 Colin Beattie: Congratulating Volunteer Development East Lothian—That the Parliament congratulates Volunteer Development East Lothian, based in Musselburgh, on recently receiving a £9,981 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund; recognises that this project meets the Awards for All programme outcomes "people have better chances in life" and "people and communities are healthier"; understands that Volunteer Development East Lothian will purchase outdoor sporting equipment that will enable the group to run a programme of outdoor activities for young people; further understands that the grant will contribute toward climbing equipment, wetsuits, longboard skateboards and pads, surfboards, personal protective equipment and tools, camping equipment, a laptop, a camera and power kites; recognises the impact that it believes Volunteer Development East Lothian has on the health and leadership building of young people in Musselburgh, and wishes it great success in its efforts.

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S4M-04731 Colin Beattie: Congratulating the 14th Midlothian (Bonnyrigg) Scout Group—That the Parliament congratulates the 14th Midlothian (Bonnyrigg) Scout Group, which recently received a £1,101 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the grant will be used to treat woodworm in the scout hall; recognises that the project meets the Awards for All outcome "people have better and more sustainable services and environments", and wishes the group success in its efforts to eradicate the woodworm and ensure a safer environment for all scouts to enjoy.

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S4M-04730 Jean Urquhart: Shetland, European Community of Sport 2013—That the Parliament congratulates Shetland on being named the European Community of Sport 2013; understands that this award is given to communities who demonstrate a high-quality engagement with sport and an understanding of the links between sport, health and community wellbeing; notes that the Clickimin Leisure Complex in Shetland, built by the Shetland Recreational Trust, provides facilities for a number of sporting activities, such as squash, badminton, swimming, football and athletics; further notes that the Shetland Recreational Trust has also invested in seven other rural leisure centres located adjacent to secondary schools across Shetland; believes that this sustained investment in facilities for all parts of the community played a large part in Shetland's success; acknowledges that the Isle of Man was the 2012 European Community of Sport, which, it believes, demonstrates the ability of island communities to receive international recognition for their efforts; considers that a vibrant sport and leisure community is just one factor that contributes to the high life satisfaction and wellbeing levels of those living in Scotland's island communities, and encourages Scotland's island communities to continue to take part in sporting, cultural and leisure activities where possible to enrich their communities and themselves.

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S4M-04729 Sarah Boyack: Congratulations to Cramond Playgroup—That the Parliament congratulates Cramond Playgroup on receiving an Awards for All grant of £8,160 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the grant will be used to support the playgroup's Play Outdoors Project, which is part of its plans to develop a three-tier outdoor education programme, combining the creation of a community garden, implementation of a mini-ranger wildlife discovery series and to promote the Play Outdoors Project to the wider community; understands that the playgroup will use the Awards for All grant to fund safety equipment, training and outdoor furniture, along with other materials that the group needs, and wishes the group every success in implementing its proposals.

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S4M-04728 Bob Doris: Regen Stars in the Community Recognised—That the Parliament congratulates NG Homes on being honoured at the Regen Stars in the Community Awards; believes that these awards are testament to the hard work and professionalism shown by NG Homes' board and staff in making a difference to communities across north Glasgow; welcomes what it sees as the continuing support of the Regen Newspaper Group in sponsoring the awards; congratulates the concierge team leader, Tosh Hamilton, on winning the Regen star award, Gail Nicolson, from the tenancy sustainment team, who won the building stronger communities award, John Devine, who won the special recognition award, and Frank

Miller, who won the voluntary work award, and thanks all of the individuals and organisations who were recognised for what it considers to be the excellent work that they do in the north and east of Glasgow.

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S4M-04727 John Wilson: The Safety Zone Community Project Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Safety Zone Community Project on securing a £45,604 grant through the Young Start programme; understands that Young Start is a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund to distribute money from dormant accounts on behalf of the Scottish Government and that aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help realise their potential; understands that the Safety Zone's The Music Cafe: WELL SOUND project will deliver a two-year programme of music and cooking activities that will benefit 80 young people; believes that the opening hours of the community cafe in Bargeddie in Glasgow will be extended on a Friday evening for young people; understands that the money from the programme will also fund four part-time youth workers, Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland food hygiene and cooking courses, Reeltime Music costs and equipment decks, and wishes the project every success in the future.

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S4M-04726 John Wilson: St Mary's Primary School Lottery Success—That the Parliament congratulates St Mary's Primary School in Coatbridge on securing £6,138 in Big Lottery funding; understands that the school hopes to develop outdoor learning through outdoor play in its grounds; believes that the project will provide children with improved play facilities and encourage more active and creative play, and understands that this grant will fund play equipment, including two sets of three toad stools, an abacus panel, an ABC activity tile slide, a shapes ball-fall activity panel, a police station role-play activity panel, a supermarket role-play panel, a dry-wipe board, a TV panel and a double blackboard.

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S4M-04725 John Wilson: St Monica's Primary School Lottery Grant—That the Parliament congratulates St Monica's Primary School in Coatbridge on securing a £6,933 grant from the Big Lottery Fund; considers that the project meets the Awards for All outcomes, "people have better chances in life", "people and communities are healthier" and "people have better and more sustainable services and environments"; understands that the award will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment that can be used by pupils during playtime, lunchtime and after school and by the community

outwith school hours; further understands that the grant will contribute toward the cost of a 4-way ball chute, a sandpit, a planter combination, a discovery pond, a weather station, 2-star bench, six toadstools, rubber step posts, a climbing wall and 16 safety tiles; applauds everyone involved at St Monica's Primary School, and hopes that pupils and the community will enjoy taking full advantage of this new equipment.

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S4M-04724 Jim Eadie: Edinburgh ActionAid Tax Justice Campaign—That the Parliament applauds the Edinburgh youth wing of ActionAid, which, it understands, is responsible for a student-led campaign supporting tax justice as the primary means to end world poverty; considers that its work has raised awareness of tax justice to a new generation of young people in the Lothian area and beyond; supports its campaign to hold to account companies that avoid paying their fair share of tax; praises ActionAid's promotion of humanitarian causes in international development and at a grassroots level through campaigns such as Schtop Tax Dodging; offers its thanks for the effort carried out by its team of committed campaigners, the committee president, Kirsty Haigh, secretary, Jennifer Hanlon, and treasurer, Natalie Grindey, and wishes ActionAid well in its fight to ensure that tax justice brings about long-term change, not just in the developing world, but to the international community as a whole.

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S4M-04723 David Torrance: Congratulating the Fife Energy Park on its Success in Creating a Centre for Renewable Energy Excellence—That the Parliament congratulates the Fife Energy Park in Methil on developing what it considers to be a hotbed of green energy talent and notes that its newest tenant, the Fife Renewables Innovation Centre, is the latest key element in a strategy that aims to attract £550 million of private sector investment by 2020; acknowledges the progress made in fostering what it considers is a positive environment for capital investment and jobs growth in the sectors of manufacturing and highly skilled engineering as well as in emerging companies, and considers that, with new innovations such as the double helix tidal device designed by Flumill, which is aimed at capturing tidal energy not only through seabed installations but also in river energy systems, Fife Energy Park is leading the way in helping to achieve Scotland's goal of 100% renewable energy.

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S4M-04722 Stuart McMillan: Dumbarton's Route 81 Youth Project Receives Big Lottery Funding—That the Parliament congratulates the Route 81 Youth Project in Dumbarton on receiving £46,394 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that this project will provide opportunities for over 200 people in the area; commends the project for the youth worker and instructor jobs that it believes it will create; understands that the project will provide a community facility containing many indoor activities and equipment hires for 11 to 18-year-olds; congratulates the project on its work in providing opportunities for youth in the local community, and wishes the Route 81 Youth Project every success in the future.

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S4M-04721 Elaine Murray: Congratulations to Coder Dojo—That the Parliament applauds the work of Coder Dojo, a global free movement that aims to inspire young people to learn creatively by computer coding; understands that it holds dojos all over the world, including Ireland, Britain, the United States, Brazil, Australia and Japan; congratulates Coder Dojo on organising a session in the Parliament on 25 October 2012, which it considers was well attended by young people from schools across the Lothians; understands that the young people have since expressed an interest in attending further dojo events, and wishes Coder Dojo every success in encouraging more young people to participate in computer coding.

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S4M-04720 Richard Simpson: Royal College of General Practitioners' 60th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) on reaching its 60th anniversary on 19 November 2012; considers that generalism has made a substantial contribution to the uniqueness of the NHS; believes that, in the Scottish NHS, which is devolved and developing along different lines from the NHS in other UK nations, GPs must have a stronger role, with the impending integration of health and social care through the growth in networked practices and the revitalisation of community health partnerships in community health and social care partnerships; believes further that continuity of care in primary care is vital, and looks forward to a productive partnership with the RCGP over the next sixty years. **R**

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S4M-04718 Anne McTaggart: Congratulations to Camstradden Primary School, Drumchapel—That the Parliament congratulates Camstradden Primary School in Drumchapel on its award of £2,000 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that this will enable the school to develop a variety of new opportunities for extracurricular physical activity for pupils of all ages; recognises that the proposed activities meet the 2014 Communities outcome of "More people take part in sport or physical activity", and commends the efforts of pupils, parents and teachers in securing this funding in order to benefit the wider community.

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S4M-04717 Patrick Harvie: Conflict-Free Glasgow University—That the Parliament welcomes the Glasgow University Amnesty International Society's Conflict-Free Campus Initiative, which aims to draw on the power of student leadership and activism to help bring about peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC); welcomes the society's call for the university to become conflict-free by avoiding the purchase of electronic goods made from raw materials sourced irresponsibly from the DRC and other conflict zones and by prioritising suppliers who do likewise; is encouraged by similar campaigns at other universities, such as St Andrews, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that these issues are addressed in its forthcoming Procurement Reform Bill.

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S4M-04716 Dennis Robertson: Congratulations to CVS Aberdeenshire Central and South—That the Parliament congratulates CVS Aberdeenshire Central and South on receiving an Awards for All grant of £4,400 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the grant will be used to support an existing smoking cessation pilot project by training volunteer ex-smokers to befriend smokers and encourage them to participate in local alternative activities groups; considers that CVS Aberdeenshire Central and South received this award as it will help people to have better life chances and make communities healthier, and thanks it for the work that it does.

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S4M-04715 Bill Kidd: Yoker Community Campus Development Company—That the Parliament congratulates the Yoker Community Campus Development Company on its recent £7,175 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund; notes that the company aims to use this to establish a healthy eating and cookery skills programme for its after school, youth and disabled groups and for families that are affected by addiction; praises what it sees as the organisation's innovative approach toward meeting the Awards for All outcomes "communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities" and "people and communities are healthier",

and warmly welcomes what it believes are the health and social benefits that this organisation brings to the residents of Glasgow Anniesland and the city more widely.

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S4M-04714 Dennis Robertson: Congratulating Cait Lennox—That the Parliament congratulates Cait Lennox, head girl at the Gordon Schools, Huntly, on undergoing a sponsored haircut in order to raise money for the Grampian Children’s Research Fund, which, it understands, finances research for the direct benefit of children undergoing treatment in the north and north east; understands that Cait, who bravely had her hair cut to a length of only two inches, raised £4,000; believes that this will be added to the school’s year-long fundraising drive, and understands that the hair that was cut off will be used toward making wigs for people requiring these as a result of cancer treatment.

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S4M-04713 Mark McDonald: 2012 PILOT Share Fair—That the Parliament welcomes the 2012 PILOT Share Fair that will take place on 7 November 2012 in Aberdeen where, it understands, representatives from major oil and gas operators and contractors will unveil 18-month plans for projects that provide major business development opportunities; understands that a record-breaking 1,500 attendees will gather at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre to take part in the event; believes that the attendance reflects the growing confidence of the oil and gas industry, and urges parliamentarians to work together to maximise the economic recovery of domestic oil and gas resources.

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S4M-04712 Bill Kidd: Congratulations to Julie McElroy on Fellowship Honour—That the Parliament congratulates Julie McElroy on becoming the first woman to be honoured with a fellowship by her former college, Cardonald College; notes that Julie, who is from Jordanhill, is also the youngest person to achieve this at the age of 26; recognises that this honour comes as a result of Julie’s hard work campaigning to encourage disabled young people to access and enjoy the outdoors, as well as her personal and academic achievements as a young person with cerebral palsy; understands that Julie received this fellowship while studying for a PhD in Assistive Technology at the West of Scotland University; further notes that Julie was also named a finalist in the 2011 *Evening Times* Scotswoman of the Year Award for her campaign work; commends Cardonald College on formally recognising Julie’s

achievements; considers her to be an inspirational young woman, and wishes her every success in her future endeavours.

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S4M-04711 John Pentland: Congratulations to Dr Mike Arthur, Wishaw—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Dr Michael G Arthur on being awarded a fellowship from the British Dental Association for many years' outstanding work in the dentistry profession; applauds Dr Arthur on receiving what it considers this excellent recognition, only three of which have been awarded in 2012, for a long, well-established and successful career spanning over 40 years; understands that Dr Arthur has owned his Wishaw practice since 1972, during which time he has also served on the Dental Advisory Committee of NHS Lanarkshire, which he chaired from 1995 to 2001, and was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Scottish Conference of Local Dental Committees for his involvement in the Local Dental Committee; hopes that Dr Arthur enjoys the awards ceremony, which is to be held in London, and wishes him the very best in his future endeavours.

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S4M-04710 John Pentland: Mouth Cancer Awareness Month, November 2012—That the Parliament applauds Mouth Cancer Awareness Month, led by the British Dental Health Association (BDHA), which will run from 1 to 30 November 2012; understands that oral cancer has risen by almost 50% in the last 10 years and that the BDHA predicts that 6,000 new cases of mouth cancer will be diagnosed in the UK this year; welcomes this annual campaign, which seeks to raise awareness of the risks and symptoms of oral cancers across the world and to promote better lifestyle choices, which, it understands, have been shown to reduce significant threats and make a huge difference to cancer rates, especially among young people; considers that regular screening and early detection of mouth cancer is crucial to increasing survival rates of the disease from 50% to 90% and that, without this, an estimated 30,000 people will die from the disease; notes what it considers the effective campaign slogan of "if in doubt get it checked out" and acknowledges the efforts of the dental profession in leading the fight against this disease, and commends all health professionals involved in driving this campaign forward to increase survival rates of mouth cancer.

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S4M-04709 Helen Eadie: Dehydrated Older People in Care Homes—That the Parliament is concerned regarding reports that a patient from a private sector care home in Fife was admitted to Dunfermline’s Queen Margaret Hospital because of dehydration; appreciates the work of the clinicians who, it understands, saved the woman’s life; understands with alarm that this is not the first such case involving private sector care homes in Fife, and hopes that, when attending to care needs, all agencies make it a top priority to ensure that they carefully monitor the drinking and feeding routines of every care home resident or hospital patient.

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S4M-04701 David Torrance: Congratulating Maggie’s Fife on its Sixth Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centre Fife on its sixth anniversary; understands that the centre has been welcoming everyone affected by cancer since 2006; considers that it is helping patients to live with, through and beyond cancer by offering psychosocial assistance that uses a special combination of community and professional support; understands that this continues to prove effective in coping with emotional distress as well as the practical difficulties that cancer brings; believes that, for family and friends of patients, the charity offers valuable guidance through often frightening and uncertain times that follow if a loved one is diagnosed with cancer; commends what it believes is the high-quality service provided by the organisation in Fife over the last six years, and wishes it all the best for the future.

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S4M-04700 Patricia Ferguson: Glasgow City FC Presented with the Scottish Women’s Premier League Trophy—That the Parliament notes that Glasgow City FC has won the Scottish Women’s Premier League for a record sixth successive season; understands that the title was secured after defeating Celtic 2-0 on 7 October 2012 and that the players and supporters celebrated being presented with the championship trophy at Springburn’s Petershill Park following a game against Aberdeen on 28 October; believes that this is a fantastic and outstanding record-breaking achievement; congratulates the team and supporters, and wishes Glasgow City FC continued success in the future.

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S4M-04699 Mike MacKenzie: Orkney Renewable Energy Forum Looks for Electricity Grid Solutions—That the Parliament congratulates the Orkney Renewable Energy Forum on its progress toward identifying solutions to the current electricity grid constraint issues in the islands following September’s announcement by Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) of a halt to new micro-generation connections due to lack of capacity on the Orkney grid; recognises the work of the forum, along with Orkney Islands Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Community Energy Scotland and SSE, to pinpoint ways ahead for the grid, and hopes that their combined efforts can lead to a sustainable solution to Orkney’s present electricity grid constraints, which it believes are having an impact on the economy of the islands.

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S4M-04698 Richard Simpson: National Stress Day—That the Parliament notes that 7 November 2012 is National Stress Awareness Day (NSAD); further notes that the theme of the NSAD campaign is Defining Outcomes for Wellbeing at Work; understands that excessive levels of stress can curb an individual’s enjoyment and enthusiasm for life and restrict their ability to cope, which in the long term can lead to other health problems; further notes with concern what are considered record levels of stress-related work absence among nurses; considers that the cuts in the number of public sector workers is increasing stress for those left in employment; calls on the Scottish Government to issue further guidance to employers and organisations to help them to develop an enhanced understanding of stress in the workplace and to encourage them to offer access to methods that are proven to help with combating stress, and welcomes the hard work being done by various charities, including Combat Stress, the International Stress Management Association and Anxiety UK.

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S4M-04697 Patricia Ferguson: Congratulations to Kirsty—That the Parliament notes the recent success of Kirsty Rafferty of the Parliament’s Aspetto café bar on reaching the finals of the 2012 Sodexo National Barista Championship; recognises the skills that have taken Kirsty to the finals; congratulates Kirsty on her achievements, and wishes her well for the 2013 competition.

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S4M-04696 Bill Walker: Carnegie Leisure Centre Wins Saltire Award for Civil Engineering—That the Parliament congratulates Carnegie Leisure Centre in Dunfermline on earning what is considered a prestigious 2012 Saltire Award for Civil Engineering; understands that the businessman and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, presented the Edwardian leisure centre to the people of Dunfermline in 1905 and therefore considers it to be of historical importance to Fife; notes that the centre reopened in December 2011 following refurbishment and that the original period features were retained while structural issues were overcome and the entire centre was modernised for the needs of today's visitors, and considers that the leisure centre has proved a resounding success since its re-launch with, it understands, around 1,000 visitors every evening.

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S4M-04695 Maureen Watt: Inchgarth Community Centre's Big Lottery Award—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Inchgarth Community Centre is to receive a £9,355 Awards for All Grant from the Big Lottery Fund, which it understands will be used to facilitate a rehearsal space and recording studio and to purchase a professional keyboard and recording system, a drum kit including cymbals and hi-hats, amplifiers, guitar pedal foot controllers, a mixer desk, speakers, microphones and a PA system, and acknowledges the continued contribution of the Inchgarth Community Centre Manager, Paul O'Connor MBE, whose dedication and commitment to the facility and its users over the years, it believes, has been integral to its success.

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S4M-04693 Sandra White: Awards for All—That the Parliament congratulates Friends of the Beatson, Kelvingrove Community Tennis Club, Skirmishes Limited, Breast Cancer Care and Glasgow United AFC on securing £28,197 in Awards for All grants from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that these grants will extend services to provide more non-medical therapy and wellbeing treatment to cancer patients, run a programme of tennis coaching sessions for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities, deliver a series of four weekend workshops in design and build for young people from areas of high deprivation in Glasgow, promote appropriate diet and exercise for people with breast cancer and organise football training for men over 16 to play in a local amateur football league respectively; believes that these projects are essential to improve people's chances in life and to create healthier communities, and wishes all those involved the best of success.

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S4M-04692 George Adam: Celebrating Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Airport, in Paisley, on its continued support of groups and charities through its Flightpath Fund; notes that, since being established in 2010, the fund has awarded in excess of £400,000 to more than 150 community groups and charities; commends the board responsible for the targeting of three predominant areas, education, employment and environment, and understands that these groups will continue to benefit from the fund, making a significant contribution to the local community.

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S4M-04691 Iain Gray: Fourth Lennoxlove Book Festival—That the Parliament welcomes the holding of the 4th Lennoxlove Book Festival at Lennoxlove House near Haddington from 2 to 4 November 2012; congratulates the festival director, Alistair Moffat, and his team on what it considers to be the best Lennoxlove Book Festival yet; believes that the festival has gone from strength to strength since the inaugural festival in 2009; notes that this year's event included appearances by writers including J K Rowling, Alexander McCall Smith, Prue Leith, Neil Oliver and Roger McGough; particularly welcomes the Lennoxlove Family Book Festival element, which promoted reading and all its benefits to children and their parents; considers that the event would not have been possible without the support of Hamilton and Kinneil Estates; thanks the lead sponsors, McInroy & Wood, the public funders, East Lothian Council, EventScotland and Creative Scotland, and the other sponsors and partners for their generous support for the festival; applauds the contribution that the festival makes toward increasing awareness of literature and culture in East Lothian; welcomes the role of the festival in attracting visitors to the area and boosting the local economy, and wishes the Lennoxlove Book Festival many years of future success.

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S4M-04690 Graeme Pearson: Concerns about Threat to Operational Independence of Single Police Force—That the Parliament is deeply concerned about the manner in which, it believes, the operational independence of the Police Service of Scotland is being undermined; is alarmed by what it considers are unwarranted proposals put forward by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), especially those recently announced by its chair, Vic Emery, for it to take direct management and control over the finance and human resources functions of the single service; believes that control of such functions is vital to the operational independence of a chief constable and is therefore concerned by the SPA's announcement as it believes that this directly challenges the will of the Parliament and the intentions in

the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, which included that the single police force would be independent of the SPA and the Scottish Government; understands that the role of the SPA, in tandem with the Scottish Government, is to deliver an effective system of governance and accountability; is disappointed that, despite what it understands have been repeated reassurances, that a democratic element of accountability and governance would be delivered in place of a Scottish police commission, there has been no indication of an ad-hoc parliamentary committee being constituted to oversee the development of the structure of the new service and the important relationships between the new service, the SPA, the Scottish Government and other organisations in the early years to ensure that the spirit of the Parliament's intention is respected; is deeply concerned about what it understands is the growing disquiet caused by the SPA's proposals, and calls on the Scottish Government to respond and take action to curb what it believes is this threat to the operational independence of the new single force.

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S4M-04689 Bob Doris: Glasgow Disability Sport—That the Parliament commends Glasgow Disability Sport, which is a branch of Scottish Disability Sport and promotes clubs and disabled athletes, on its inaugural open day; understands that the event will showcase swimming, athletics, cycling, table tennis, judo, tennis, wheelchair basketball, badminton, boccia and football, and believes that this will demonstrate and promote opportunities to new and existing members.

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S4M-04688 Jim Eadie: Congratulations to Dr Winifred Ewing—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Winifred Ewing on receiving the distinction of Doctor of the University of Stirling; understands that the doctorate recognises her outstanding contribution to politics; thanks her for what it sees as her enormous contribution in encouraging women to stand for public office; commends her determination as a politician and as a role model for women in public life, and wishes her well as she receives what it considers this hugely deserved recognition of her influence on Scottish political life.

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S4M-04687 Sandra White: Annexe Connects' Time Capsule—That the Parliament welcomes the Annexe Connects' time capsule project, which will see a time capsule buried in Partick, Glasgow, on 5 November 2012 with the hope that it will be opened 100 years later in 2112; understands that the project coincides with the 100th anniversary of Partick becoming part of the city of Glasgow and that the capsule will include information on and objects relating to Partick and its people from 1912 to 2012; hopes that the wishes and positive thoughts included in the capsule about how people would like the world to be come true, and congratulates all those involved in the project on their dedication and effort.

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S4M-04686 George Adam: 40,000 People Celebrate in Paisley—That the Parliament congratulates Paisley on organising what it considers another hugely successful fireworks display in the heart of the town centre, which saw 40,000 people gather for a winter celebration that lasted over six hours and catered for all ages; understands that this follows a similarly successful event in 2011; commends all those who worked their utmost on the event, including the Renfrewshire Council staff who played a major part in setting up all of the entertainment and clearing up the town centre afterwards, leaving it in what it considers was a spotless condition; believes that this was a big boost for businesses, and fully expects Paisley as a whole to benefit from increased footfall as a result of visitors seeing what it believes this great town has to offer.

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S4M-04685 Roderick Campbell: Students Save Woman—That the Parliament praises what it considers to be the heroic actions of a group of University of St Andrews students, comprising Hannah Cope, Min Kim, Rachel Mansley, David Juhasz, Michael Helley, Rebecca Hjemdahl and Jack Somerville, who rescued a woman from drowning; understands that the seven students journeyed to East Sands for an early morning swim as part of their annual Rasin weekend celebrations and were alerted by a dog walker to a person in difficulty offshore; commends the bravery of the student who swam to save the woman and the rest of the group who helped to resuscitate her; understands that the students stayed with the woman until paramedics arrived; praises the quick thinking and resourcefulness of the group that included a competitive swimmer and medical students; passes on its best wishes to the woman whose life was saved as a result of the actions taken by the students, and hopes that the inspirational action taken by the students can encourage other people to assist those in trouble, when it is safe to do so.

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S4M-04684 Bob Doris: Organ Harvesting in Chinese Prisons—That the Parliament abhors what it understands is the practice of organ harvesting in Chinese prisons; is shocked by allegations that approximately 65,000 members of the banned Falun Gong spiritualist group have been killed for their organs; recognises that political dissidents and members of minority groups, including the Uyghur and Tibetans, are also believed to be among the victims; understands that organs are often harvested from live prisoners for sale on the black market; applauds what it sees as the efforts by human rights activists, including Nobel Peace Prize nominee David Matas, co-author of *Bloody Harvest - The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs*, to bring these atrocities to the attention of organisations such as the UN; understands that over 100,000 people have signed the petition to the UN on Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting petition, with over 14,000 of those signatures coming from the UK; welcomes discussions by the UN Human Rights Council and the US Congress on this issue in September 2012, and urges the UN to investigate and put an end to these atrocities.

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S4M-04683 Jackie Baillie: Cardross Designer Nominated for Top Prize—That the Parliament congratulates Linda Macdonald of Cardross on being nominated for the British Jewellery Association's Designer of the Year award; understands that the category recognises a designer who has consistently produced the most commercially viable designs to raise the profile of British design; further notes that Linda Macdonald has been trading in the village since 1997 and now supplies a number of stores across the UK, including the retail giant, John Lewis; recognises that the talented jewellery maker studied at Glasgow School of Art and is known for her floral designs using both silver and gold; understands that the award is voted for by the public and that voting is open until 26 November 2012, with the winner being announced at a ceremony in Birmingham on 6 December, and encourages all those who support Scottish design to vote for Linda McDonald via the British Jewellery Association's website.

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S4M-04681 Hugh Henry: Future of the UK National Codification Bureau—That the Parliament regrets the decision of the UK Government to relocate Ministry of

Defence (MoD) civilian jobs in the UK National Codification Bureau from Glasgow to Bristol; understands that the previous decision to locate these jobs in Glasgow was part of the UK Government's policy to transfer jobs to areas of high unemployment; believes that the value-for-money study, carried out by the MoD, favoured retaining staff in Glasgow; considers that the MoD should reconsider the decision, and hopes that the Scottish Government will give its support to these jobs remaining in Glasgow.

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S4M-04680 Neil Bibby: Paisley Gilmour Street Staff On-track at ScotRail Awards—That the Parliament congratulates staff at Paisley Gilmour Street railway station on being named the 2012 Team of the Year at ScotRail's first ever Your Recognition Awards Ball, which took place on 20 October 2012; notes that the Paisley team was recognised for providing excellent service in the face of adversity, when infrastructure, weather and other issues caused a spate of disruption to services running through the station; further congratulates Lynda Mackin, who works at ScotRail's Paisley-based CCTV centre, on receiving the Outstanding Contribution to Corporate Social Responsibility Award for what was considered her tireless charity work; understands that Ms Mackin has been heavily involved in ScotRail's charity partnership with the Children's Hospice Association Scotland, and wishes all staff at Paisley Gilmour Street continued success in the future.

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S4M-04679 Marco Biagi: Congratulating the Equality Network—That the Parliament congratulates the Equality Network on winning the Campaigner(s) of the Year Award at the Herald Society Awards 2012 for its equal marriage campaign; believes that the shortlist was one of the strongest ever for the awards; recognises the tireless work that it believes the campaign has put in since 2009 to highlight the issue of equal partnership law for all couples, regardless of their sexual orientation; further recognises what it considers to be the importance of the Equality Network's work for ensuring that this issue is firmly on the agenda in Scotland; looks forward to the Scottish Government legislating on the issue, and wishes the Equality Network all the best for the rest of this campaign and beyond.

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S4M-04678 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Groups on Lottery Awards—That the Parliament notes that £20,659 has been distributed by the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All scheme to three charities in Aberdeen Central; understands that Cornhill Community Centre has received £7,300 to run sessions for

older people in the community, the Boys Brigade Aberdeen & District Battalion has received £9,834 to decorate and equip three rooms and Ruthrieston Community Centre has received £3,525 to install ramps and handrails and to provide taster sessions to increase physical activity and computer skills; congratulates all three groups on receiving this funding, and wishes them the best of luck with their projects.

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S4M-04677 Drew Smith: Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel—That the Parliament notes the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), which brings visitors to the West Bank to experience life under occupation; understands that Ecumenical Accompaniers provide a protective presence to vulnerable communities, monitor and report human rights abuses and support Palestinians and Israelis working together for peace; further understands that, when they return home, Ecumenical Accompaniers campaign for a just and peaceful resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict through an end to the occupation, respect for international law and implementation of UN resolutions; believes that the mission of the EAPPI is to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and to carry out concerted advocacy efforts to end the occupation; understands that its approach is based on the belief that the occupation is harmful not only to Palestinians but also to Israelis; welcomes the EAPPI's programme, which it considers demonstrates its solidarity with people on both sides of this conflict who strive non-violently to end the occupation and achieve a just peace, and commends the Glasgow resident, Geraldine O'Neill, who is taking part in the project from 10 November 2012 for three months.

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S4M-04676 Margaret Mitchell: 40th Anniversary of Lanarkshire Samaritans, Hamilton—That the Parliament congratulates Lanarkshire Samaritans of Hamilton on its 40th anniversary; notes that, on 3 November 2012, the Samaritans held a special birthday party at which members of the public were able to gain an insight into the work of the Samaritans and could meet volunteers past and present; acknowledges that the Hamilton branch first opened in 1972 at Selkirk Place in Hamilton but soon relocated to new premises in order to better serve disabled callers and volunteers; considers that the Samaritans provides a free, confidential service for people to discuss their problems and that help is available by email and text as well as through telephone and drop-in services; recognises what it considers the hard work and tireless efforts of all those Samaritans volunteers who have worked in Hamilton over the last 40 years, and commends the efforts of the 20 Samaritans branches supported by over 1,000 volunteers throughout Scotland.

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S4M-04675 Drew Smith: In Pursuit of the Question Mark—That the Parliament welcomes In Pursuit of the Question Mark – A Retrospective Exhibition, which celebrates the work of the artist and sculptor, George Wyllie; notes that the exhibition is being held in the Mitchell Library and will run from 3 November 2012 to 31 January 2013; understands that this is the artist's first major retrospective exhibition on his home turf, displaying works that have never been exhibited before, alongside more renowned projects such as The Straw Locomotive, The Paper Boat and A Day Down a Goldmine; further notes that the Finnieston Crane has become a plinth for a giant question mark sculpture fabricated by Ferguson's Shipbuilders, designed by Alec Galloway and hung by Dalriada Access riggers from Inverkip, which will hang on the crane until the exhibition ends; understands that this exhibition is part of the year-long Whysman Festival presented by the Friends of George Wyllie to commemorate his work, following his death earlier this year; recognises that some of George Wyllie's sculptures have gone on display at the Parliament, including Cradle, Contemplete, Eco-bucket, Studio and Train of the standing stones, and hopes that many visitors to the Mitchell Library will enjoy this exhibition.

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S4M-04674 Roderick Campbell: Congratulating the Cambo Institute and Newport Tennis Club—That the Parliament congratulates the Cambo Institute and Newport Tennis Club on securing two Awards for All grants; notes that the two projects have been awarded funds totalling £19,995 from the Big Lottery Fund and sportscotland; understands that the funding will help these projects to provide communal recreational activities for their local communities, and wishes both projects the best of luck for the future.

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S4M-04673 John Mason: ABP Foods Turns its Back on Shettleston—That the Parliament expresses disappointment and frustration at ABP Foods' announcement on 2 November 2012 that it is to close the Freshlink sausage factory in Shettleston and relocate production to Yorkshire; considers that a tremendous amount of work has been carried out by Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government, Clyde Gateway, numerous public agencies and politicians from across the political divide in trying to save the 145 jobs at the factory; is particularly disappointed by what it sees as ABP Foods' lack of willingness to engage effectively with the task force; considers that this was demonstrated by the company sending

only a junior member of staff to the task force meetings throughout the entire process, and calls on major supermarkets and customers in Scotland to review their relationship with ABP Foods, which, it believes, has treated staff and Glasgow's east end with a complete lack of respect or concern.

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S4M-04673.1 Drew Smith: ABP Foods Turns its Back on Shettleston—As an amendment to motion S4M-04673 in the name of John Mason (ABP Foods Turns its Back on Shettleston), leave out from "is particularly" to end and insert "further recognises what it considers the significant contribution made to the work of the task force by representatives of the works committee, particularly Chic Murray, Kevin Gibbens and Hugh Cook, who consistently brought forward ideas and proposed workable solutions; is particularly disappointed by what it sees as ABP Foods' lack of willingness to engage effectively with the task force; considers that this was demonstrated by the company sending only a junior member of staff to the task force meetings throughout the entire process; calls on major supermarkets and customers in Scotland to review their relationship with ABP Foods, which, it believes has treated staff and Glasgow's east end with a complete lack of respect or concern, and further calls on the Scottish Government and all those public agencies that came together as part of the task force to agree a plan for the assistance of those who will lose their jobs and to mitigate the negative impact on Glasgow's east end of this closure, which, it understands, the task force established would be very considerable."

Supported by: Neil Bibby, Claudia Beamish, Neil Findlay, Patricia Ferguson, John Park, Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack, Hugh Henry, Anne McTaggart, Iain Gray, Duncan McNeil, Michael McMahon, Jackie Baillie, Hanzala Malik, Margaret McDougall

S4M-04672 Margaret Mitchell: Scotland's Modern Apprenticeship Awards 2012—That the Parliament congratulates Falkirk Council on being shortlisted in the Large Employers category at Scotland's Modern Apprenticeship Awards 2012. which will take place at the Glasgow Science Centre on 21 November, and, it believes, on being the only public sector organisation to reach the final in any category at this year's awards; understands that Falkirk Council is committed to taking on 300 modern apprentices at any one time and that in the last year 391 young people from the Falkirk area were taken on by the council as part of its modern apprenticeship programme and given the opportunity to gain valuable work experience; considers that the apprenticeship programme offers a diverse range of opportunities for apprentices including in accountancy, youth work, housing, childcare and cookery and operates across 37 different occupational frameworks; considers that the nomination is recognition of Falkirk Council's commitment to tackling youth unemployment and providing training opportunities so that the valuable skills needed for future employment are gained; understands that statistics show 95% of Falkirk Council's modern apprentices remain in full-time employment on successful

completion of their training; considers that this programme should be replicated in other local authority areas, and wishes Falkirk Council well at the awards ceremony.

Supported by: Mike MacKenzie, Nanette Milne, John Lamont, Jamie McGrigor, Richard Simpson, Kevin Stewart, Gavin Brown, Sandra White, Mary Scanlon

S4M-04671 Liam McArthur: Thrive At Five—That the Parliament welcomes Save the Children's latest report, *Thrive at Five*, which it believes is based on a study of 3,000 children in Scotland from different socioeconomic backgrounds as they start primary school; understands that children who live in poverty are twice as likely as other children to start school with developmental difficulties; recognises the comments in the *Scotsman* on 2 November 2012 from Douglas Hamilton, head of Save the Children in Scotland, that "Thrive at Five tells us that we must prioritise support for the children growing up in poverty before they even start school"; supports the charity's call for an extension of the pre-school education entitlement to all two-year-olds living in poverty; congratulates the authors of the report on their work in this field, and hopes that their recommendations will be adopted.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie, Alison Johnstone, Graeme Pearson, John Finnie, Hanzala Malik, Tavish Scott, Richard Lyle, John Wilson, Mike MacKenzie, Alison McInnes, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Jean Urquhart

S4M-04670 Siobhan McMahon: ScotRail's Your Recognition Ball—That the Parliament congratulates all those who received awards at ScotRail's Your Recognition Ball; notes that the ball, which took place on 22 October 2012 and was hosted by Real Radio's Ewen Cameron, celebrated the achievements of ScotRail's hardworking staff; understands that the evening's fundraising raised over £2,000 for the children's charity, CHAS, ScotRail's charity partner; considers that the night was a great success and a fitting recognition of the efforts and commitment of all ScotRail employees; commends ScotRail on organising the event, and wishes ScotRail's management and staff every success in the future.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack

S4M-04667# Fiona McLeod: Book Week Scotland 2012—That the Parliament welcomes the first Book Week Scotland, which it understands is an initiative to encourage people to celebrate books and reading and is scheduled to take place from 26 November to 2 December 2012; commends the Scottish Book Trust for its aim of encouraging people of all ages, interests and reading abilities to embrace what it considers reading's unique capacity for empowerment, enrichment, education, solace, pleasure and growth; welcomes the national Reading Hour on St Andrew's Day when, at 11.00 am on 30 November 2012, thousands of people across Scotland are expected to take the time to immerse themselves in reading; congratulates the League of Extraordinary Booklovers, a band of book-loving superheroes based around Scotland, whose mission is to share their passion for books and make reading recommendations during Book Week Scotland; congratulates East Dunbartonshire libraries for their programme of Scottish-themed Bookbug sessions in Bishopbriggs, Lennoxton, Lenzie, William Patrick and Westerton libraries, and particularly notes the Remembering Edwin Morgan evening being held in the William Patrick library in Kirkintilloch.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Richard Lyle, Angus MacDonald, Anne McTaggart, Dennis Robertson, Bruce Crawford, Drew Smith, Christine Grahame, John Wilson, Dave Thompson, George Adam, Mike MacKenzie, Joan McAlpine, Jackie Baillie, Stuart McMillan, Kenneth Gibson, John Mason, Annabelle Ewing, Liam McArthur, Jim Eadie, Aileen McLeod, Colin Keir, Roderick Campbell, Adam Ingram, Richard Simpson, David Torrance, Clare Adamson, Colin Beattie, Bill Kidd, Kevin Stewart, Patricia Ferguson, Nigel Don, Maureen Watt, Hugh Henry*

S4M-04666 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Bulb Planting Initiative—That the Parliament notes the success of Aberdeen City councillor Bill Cormie's bulb planting initiative; notes that this scheme gives pupils from Skene Square Primary School, Gilcomstoun Primary School and Mile End Primary School the opportunity to learn about nature and get their hands dirty; understands that this year, the sixth year of the project, will see the planting of 5,000 bulbs and that Bill Cormie will personally plant the 55,000th bulb of the project overall; congratulates Cllr Cormie and all pupils involved in this scheme, which it considers has helped improve the local community and environment, and hopes that the bulb planting will continue for many years to come.

Supported by: Bob Doris, Jim Eadie, Gordon MacDonald, Anne McTaggart, Bill Kidd, Mark McDonald, Roderick Campbell, Joan McAlpine, Brian Adam, Dennis Robertson, Rob Gibson, Sandra White, Annabelle Ewing, Nigel Don, Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, Colin Beattie, Adam Ingram, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Nanette Milne, Gil Paterson, Jean Urquhart, Maureen Watt

S4M-04468# Claudia Beamish: Scotland's National Museum of Costume—That the Parliament expresses concern at the proposed closure of the National Museum of Costume in Dumfries and Galloway; notes that the museum's operator, National Museums Scotland (NMS), is conducting an internal consultation on the proposal; understands that NMS has commented saying that it can no longer afford to operate the site due to the twin pressures of reduced public funding and reduced income associated with the recession; believes that the closure of this five-star rated tourist attraction, which provides nine jobs and attracts 15,000 visitors a year, would be detrimental to the tourism industry in Dumfries and Galloway, and considers that, to maximise the opportunities for people to engage with their culture, it is important that attractions showcasing Scotland's cultural heritage are located in communities across the country.

Supported by: Jim Hume, Helen Eadie, Jackie Baillie, Patricia Ferguson, Bill Walker, Alex Fergusson, Margaret McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Mike MacKenzie, Rhoda Grant, Richard Simpson, Elaine Murray, Graeme Pearson

S4M-04468.1 Alex Fergusson: Scotland's National Museum of Costume—As an amendment to motion S4M-04468 in the name of Claudia Beamish (Scotland's National Museum of Costume), insert at end "; welcomes the joint initiative by Dumfries and Galloway Council and Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce in seeking a 12-month delay in the proposed closure to allow other management structures to be fully explored, and urges the Scottish Government to do everything

possible in its power to encourage the National Museum of Scotland to agree to this stay of execution."

Supported by: Gavin Brown, Bill Walker, Murdo Fraser, John Lamont, Nanette Milne, Jamie McGrigor, Dennis Robertson, Mike MacKenzie, Mary Scanlon, Liz Smith, Graeme Pearson, Claudia Beamish, Elaine Murray*

S4M-04351# Nigel Don: Scottish Literature on the Big Screen—That the Parliament notes the production of the film, *Sunset Song*; understands that this is an adaptation of a 1932 Lewis Grassie Gibbon novel and is set in the Mearns area of Kincardineshire; believes that it will be directed by Terence Davis and star Peter Mullan, Agyness Deyn and Stuart Martin; considers that, although it will be beneficial to the Mearns area in the short-run, it is unlikely that there will be any long-lasting legacy or benefit; believes that recent films such as *Brave* and *The Angels' Share* have raised awareness of Scotland and that it would be beneficial to the country's film and TV industry to have additional self-sustaining post-production, studio and sound stage facilities to ensure that all aspects of screen production can be carried out in Scotland, and considers that such additional capacity would encourage production companies from around the world to shoot in Scotland.

S4M-04327# John Scott: British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly Autumn Plenary—That the Parliament welcomes to Scotland the 45th plenary of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA), which is taking place in Glasgow on 22 and 23 October 2012; considers that the assembly has played a significant role since its establishment in 1990 to promote understanding and cooperation between the legislators of these islands; welcomes the opportunity that the Glasgow plenary will provide to discuss matters of mutual concern and to cooperate in finding imaginative solutions to common challenges, and further welcomes the opportunity that hosting BIPA in Glasgow offers to showcase Glasgow and Scotland.

S4M-04217# Neil Findlay: Christian Aid, Tax Justice Bus—That the Parliament commends the work by Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty in taking their Tax Justice Bus around the UK and Ireland raising awareness of tax dodging; notes Christian Aid's estimate that the global culture of financial secrecy costs the developing world \$160 billion every year, which is one and a half times what is delivered in international aid; understands that, in the UK, the poorest people are also worst affected by the impact of tax evasion and aggressive tax avoidance; notes that the Tax Justice Bus is in Scotland between 1 and 5 October 2012, stopping in Dumfries, Alloway, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Inverness and Inverurie, including a stop outside the Parliament on 3 October to allow MSPs and parliamentary staff to meet campaigners, and welcomes the opportunity for people to get on board the tax bus and find out why tackling tax dodging is so important in the fight against local and global poverty.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S4M-04669 Screen Education Edinburgh (lodged on 01 November 2012) Bob Doris, Jim Eadie, Bill Kidd, Anne McTaggart, Roderick Campbell, Joan McAlpine, Rob Gibson, Sandra White, Adam Ingram, John Wilson, Annabelle Ewing, Nigel Don,

Mike MacKenzie, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Dennis Robertson, Mark McDonald, Colin Beattie, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04668 The Impact of Air Passenger Duty in Scotland (lodged on 01 November 2012) Aileen McLeod, Brian Adam, Mike MacKenzie, Rob Gibson, Gordon MacDonald, John Mason, Joan McAlpine, Roderick Campbell, Richard Lyle, Colin Beattie, Kevin Stewart, Dennis Robertson, Kenneth Gibson, Willie Coffey, Annabelle Ewing, John Wilson, Angus MacDonald, Adam Ingram, Chic Brodie, Bill Kidd, Sandra White, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04665 Road Safety Week, 19 to 25 November 2012 (lodged on 01 November 2012) John Park, Brian Adam, Mike MacKenzie, Claudia Beamish, Anne McTaggart, Jim Eadie, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Colin Beattie, Dennis Robertson, Stewart Stevenson, Mark Griffin, Jackie Baillie, Annabelle Ewing, Angus MacDonald, Patricia Ferguson, Liz Smith, Neil Findlay, Bruce Crawford, Margaret McCulloch, Nanette Milne, Kenneth Gibson, John Wilson, John Finnie, Bill Kidd, Mary Fee, Alison Johnstone, Colin Keir, Roderick Campbell, Sandra White, Rhoda Grant, Nigel Don, Hanzala Malik, Clare Adamson, Alison McInnes, David Torrance, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Mary Scanlon, Siobhan McMahon, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04664 Congratulations to Dr Adam Watson (lodged on 01 November 2012) Brian Adam, Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, Jackie Baillie, Gordon MacDonald, Hanzala Malik, Chic Brodie, Stewart Stevenson, Sandra White, Colin Beattie, Rob Gibson, Colin Keir, Bob Doris, Nigel Don, Clare Adamson, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04663 Sadako Sasaki's Peace Cranes (lodged on 01 November 2012) Hanzala Malik, Brian Adam, Dennis Robertson, Mike MacKenzie, Bruce Crawford, Nanette Milne, John Finnie, Annabelle Ewing, Jim Hume, Colin Beattie, Alison McInnes, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04662 Congratulating Sir Ian Wood (lodged on 01 November 2012) Tavish Scott, Brian Adam, Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, Dennis Robertson, Hanzala Malik, Roderick Campbell, Colin Beattie, Colin Keir, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04661 National Dyslexia Week 2012 (lodged on 01 November 2012) Ken Macintosh, Mike MacKenzie, Kezia Dugdale, Claudia Beamish, Jackie Baillie, Patricia Ferguson, Neil Findlay, Hanzala Malik, John Mason, Sandra White, Alison Johnstone, Rhoda Grant, Clare Adamson, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Graeme Pearson, Neil Bibby, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04660 Scottish Youth Work Week (lodged on 01 November 2012) Margaret McCulloch, Mike MacKenzie, Claudia Beamish, Liam McArthur, Anne McTaggart, Jackie Baillie, Drew Smith, Patricia Ferguson, Liz Smith, Nanette Milne, Hanzala Malik, Neil Findlay, Alison Johnstone, John Finnie, Rhoda Grant, Iain Gray, Alison

McInnes, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Siobhan McMahon, Graeme Pearson, Neil Bibby, Maureen Watt

S4M-04659 Short-changed by Stroke (lodged on 01 November 2012) Brian Adam, Aileen McLeod, Mike MacKenzie, Dennis Robertson, Richard Lyle, Chic Brodie, Colin Beattie, Colin Keir, Alison Johnstone, Bill Walker, Bob Doris, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04658 Congratulating Weesleekit (lodged on 01 November 2012) Jackie Baillie, Dennis Robertson, Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, Hanzala Malik, Chic Brodie, Roderick Campbell, Colin Beattie, Colin Keir, Bob Doris, Nigel Don, Clare Adamson, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04657 Will Aid (lodged on 01 November 2012) Joan McAlpine, Colin Beattie, John Park, Dennis Robertson, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Mary Scanlon, Maureen Watt

S4M-04656 Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair Celebrates a Decade of Work - (lodged on 01 November 2012) Anne McTaggart, Claudia Beamish, Jim Eadie, Patricia Ferguson, Hanzala Malik, Sandra White, Iain Gray, Annabelle Ewing, Mike MacKenzie, Joan McAlpine, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Dennis Robertson, Colin Beattie, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Gil Paterson

S4M-04655 Loch Lomond Seaplanes Celebrates a Decade Of Service (lodged on 01 November 2012) Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, John Mason, Colin Beattie, Dennis Robertson, Jamie Hepburn, Maureen Watt

S4M-04654 No Pasaran Fundraising Event (lodged on 01 November 2012) Anne McTaggart, Hanzala Malik, Drew Smith, Jackie Baillie, Jim Eadie, Bob Doris, Bill Kidd, Neil Findlay, John Mason, Bruce Crawford, Colin Keir, Patricia Ferguson, Joan McAlpine, Brian Adam, Dennis Robertson, Sandra White, Adam Ingram, Clare Adamson, Annabelle Ewing, Mike MacKenzie, Rob Gibson, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Colin Beattie, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04653 Breastfeeding: Preventing Disease and Saving Resources (lodged on 01 November 2012) Dennis Robertson, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, Rob Gibson, Alison McInnes, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sarah Boyack, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04652 Forth Replacement Crossing a Welcome Departure from Labour's Unfortunate PFI Legacy (lodged on 01 November 2012) Gordon MacDonald, Chic Brodie, Colin Keir, Dennis Robertson, Joan McAlpine, Bill Walker, Annabelle Ewing, Adam Ingram, Mike MacKenzie, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Colin Beattie, David Torrance, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04648 Norwegian Government Funding for Fife Renewable Energy Developer (lodged on 01 November 2012) Angus MacDonald, Colin Keir, Dennis Robertson, Jamie Hepburn, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04647 Welcoming Scotland's Rural University College (lodged on 01 November 2012) Jamie Hepburn, Mary Scanlon*, John Wilson*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Adamson*, Aileen McLeod*, Rob Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Mark McDonald*, Annabelle Ewing*, Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*, Stuart McMillan*, Mike MacKenzie*, Claudia Beamish*, Roderick Campbell*, Dennis Robertson*, Jamie McGrigor*, Bill Kidd*, Alison Johnstone*

S4M-04646 Reduction in Cancer Mortality Rate (lodged on 31 October 2012) Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04645 Award for Life-enhancing Charity for People with Learning Difficulties (lodged on 01 November 2012) Colin Beattie, Bill Kidd, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04644 Help Samaritan's Purse Deliver its 100 Millionth Shoebox this Christmas (lodged on 31 October 2012) Colin Keir, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, Richard Simpson, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04643 40 Years of St Mary's Music School (lodged on 31 October 2012) Murdo Fraser, Liz Smith, Alison Johnstone, Jackie Baillie, Gordon MacDonald, Kenneth Gibson, Bill Walker, Roderick Campbell, Patricia Ferguson, Rob Gibson, Joan McAlpine, Sandra White, Adam Ingram, John Wilson, Annabelle Ewing, Nigel Don, Mike MacKenzie, Kevin Stewart, Richard Lyle, Clare Adamson, Dennis Robertson, Mark McDonald, Colin Beattie, David Torrance, Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack, Gil Paterson, Jean Urquhart, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04642 John Reid (lodged on 31 October 2012) Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack

S4M-04641 Congratulations to Home-Start Aberdeen (lodged on 31 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Angus MacDonald, Colin Beattie, Colin Keir, Dave Thompson*, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04640 Tayside and Scotland on the Silver Screen (lodged on 31 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04639 Harris Tweed's Success in 2012 (lodged on 31 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04638 Nourish, Scotland's Sustainable Local Food Network (lodged on 31 October 2012) Joan McAlpine, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, Richard Simpson, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04637 Spookley Anti-bullying Campaign (lodged on 31 October 2012) Fiona McLeod, Colin Keir, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt, Dave Thompson*

S4M-04630 Earthly Enterprises, Youth Led Social Enterprise of the Year Winners (lodged on 31 October 2012) Kevin Stewart, Colin Keir, Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Mark McDonald*

S4M-04629 Food Banks (lodged on 31 October 2012) Sarah Boyack, Maureen Watt, Graeme Pearson

S4M-04628 Supporting Scots through Microloans (lodged on 31 October 2012) Colin Keir, Maureen Watt, Mark McDonald, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04626 Congratulations to Dr Mike Kay and Dr Alastair Glennie (lodged on 31 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald

S4M-04625 UK Accepts Recommendations on Children of Prisoners (lodged on 31 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04624 Bobath Scotland (lodged on 31 October 2012) Murdo Fraser, Claudia Beamish, Gordon MacDonald, Jim Eadie, Anne McTaggart, Ruth Davidson, Kenneth Gibson, Bruce Crawford, Roderick Campbell, Hanzala Malik, Sandra White, Michael McMahon, Clare Adamson, Annabelle Ewing, Mike MacKenzie, Richard Lyle, Dennis Robertson, Margaret McDougall, Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04623 Clinical Standards for Cardiac Rehabilitation (lodged on 30 October 2012) Dennis Robertson, Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack

S4M-04621 Talk Matters Counselling Service Funding (lodged on 30 October 2012) Colin Keir, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04620 PPL Initiative (lodged on 30 October 2012) John Wilson, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04619 Jim Clark, Formula 1 All-time Great (lodged on 30 October 2012) Colin Keir, Maureen Watt

S4M-04617 Solidarity with Those Affected by Hurricane Sandy (lodged on 30 October 2012) Colin Keir, Bruce Crawford, Mark Griffin, Margaret McDougall, Bill Kidd, Anne McTaggart, Murdo Fraser, Alison Johnstone, Clare Adamson, Nigel Don, Richard Simpson, Elaine Murray, Maureen Watt, Sandra White, Mark McDonald*

S4M-04616 University of the West of Scotland Excels Say Students (lodged on 30 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04615.1 North Ayrshire Council Continues to Build New Homes (lodged on 01 November 2012) Mike MacKenzie, Claudia Beamish, Jackie Baillie, Hanzala Malik, David Torrance

S4M-04615 North Ayrshire Council Continues to Build New Homes (lodged on 30 October 2012) Colin Keir, Bill Walker, Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04612 A Practical Commitment to Reducing CO2 Emissions in Transport - (lodged on 30 October 2012) Colin Keir, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04611 Rotavirus Vaccines in Malawi (lodged on 30 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Richard Simpson, Siobhan McMahan, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04609 Red Lichtie the Official Arbroath District Tartan (lodged on 29 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04608 UK Choir of the Year (lodged on 29 October 2012) Christine Grahame, Elaine Murray

S4M-04607 Maggie Adamson, Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion (lodged on 29 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04606 Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (lodged on 29 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04604 Solas Scotland Celebrates its Silver Jubilee (lodged on 29 October 2012) Sandra White, Richard Simpson

S4M-04603 Historic Vessel Rescued from the River Leven (lodged on 29 October 2012) Sandra White, Richard Simpson

S4M-04602 Garden Partners Lend a Helping Hand (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Sandra White, Mark McDonald

S4M-04600 Condorrat Primary School's Success at Royal National Mòd 2012 - (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald

S4M-04597 West Lothian College Graduation Ceremony (lodged on 29 October 2012) Maureen Watt

S4M-04596 Blacklisting in Construction (lodged on 29 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04593 Condolences for Hawick Rugby Star, George Stevenson (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald, Richard Simpson, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04592 Silver, the Aberdeen Story (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Sandra White

S4M-04591 Pub Watch, Aiming to Tackle Antisocial Behaviour in Maryhill - (lodged on 29 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04590 Congratulating Fife Gingerbread on 25th Anniversary (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald, Richard Simpson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04589 Put Scotland's Welfare in Scotland's own Capable Hands (lodged on 29 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04588 Crippling Energy Prices (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Maureen Watt

S4M-04587 Golf Facility Management, Scottish Rural University College's Elmwood Campus (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04586 Hamilton's BID (lodged on 29 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04585 Utility Industry Achievement Awards (lodged on 29 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04584 Report by Asthma UK Scotland on the Impact of Asthma on Older Citizens in Scotland (lodged on 25 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04581 Scotland's North Sea Energy Reserves Continuing to Produce - (lodged on 25 October 2012) Nigel Don, Maureen Watt, Mark McDonald*

S4M-04580 Congratulating St Marie's RC Primary School (lodged on 25 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04579 Celebrating St Andrew's First Aid Week (lodged on 25 October 2012) Colin Keir, Mark McDonald, Maureen Watt

S4M-04576 UK Supreme Court's Decision on Equal Pay (lodged on 29 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan*

S4M-04573 51st Annual Salado Highland Games (lodged on 25 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04572 The Spree, Paisley's New National Festival (lodged on 25 October 2012) Mark McDonald

S4M-04570 The 50th Scottish Ploughing Championships (lodged on 25 October 2012) Maureen Watt

S4M-04568 Michael Marra (lodged on 25 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04567 Stirling Bull Sales Medals (lodged on 25 October 2012) George Adam, David Torrance, Adam Ingram, Richard Lyle, Joan McAlpine, Mike MacKenzie, John Lamont, Colin Beattie, Rob Gibson, Aileen McLeod, Angus MacDonald, Gordon MacDonald, Stuart McMillan, Stewart Stevenson, Roderick Campbell, Anne McTaggart, Kevin Stewart, Annabelle Ewing, Dennis Robertson, Bill Kidd, Nigel Don, Brian Adam, Chic Brodie, Jamie McGrigor, Jean Urquhart, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04565 Scottish Poppy Appeal (lodged on 25 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Sandra White

S4M-04563 Official Opening of Spark of Genius, Glengarnock (lodged on 25 October 2012) Mark McDonald, Annabel Goldie

S4M-04561 Voices from the Frontline (lodged on 25 October 2012) Kezia Dugdale, Richard Simpson

S4M-04560 Heart Town Progress in Falkirk District (lodged on 25 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Richard Simpson

S4M-04557 Congratulations to Emeli Sande (lodged on 24 October 2012) Mark McDonald*

S4M-04556 Motherwell, Scotland's First Dementia-friendly Town (lodged on 24 October 2012) Richard Simpson, Maureen Watt

S4M-04552 Help Keep Animals Safe this Firework Season (lodged on 24 October 2012) Mark McDonald*

S4M-04551 Congratulations to Aberdeen Airport (lodged on 24 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04549 Living Wage Week (lodged on 24 October 2012) Richard Simpson, Richard Baker, Neil Bibby

S4M-04548 Commending the Abolition of Prescription Fees (lodged on 24 October 2012) Mark McDonald*

S4M-04540 The Happy Lands in National Schools Film Week (lodged on 23 October 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-04521 Big Energy Saving Week (lodged on 23 October 2012) Clare Adamson

S4M-04519 Reducing Reoffending Change Fund Award (lodged on 23 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04516 Death of Golden Eagle (lodged on 22 October 2012) Aileen McLeod

S4M-04489 Buddy Dogs (lodged on 16 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04485 Hemiplegia Awareness Week (lodged on 16 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04484 Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival (lodged on 16 October 2012) Sandra White, Mark McDonald*

S4M-04483 St Stephen's Primary School's World of Work Week (lodged on 16 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04479 Tibet's Flame of Truth (lodged on 15 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04477 St Vincent's Hospice (lodged on 12 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04476 First Basketball School in Scotland (lodged on 15 October 2012) Neil Bibby

S4M-04473 Hawthorn Housing Co-operative, Possilpark, 25th Anniversary -
(lodged on 12 October 2012) Neil Bibby

S4M-04471 Skin Scanners (lodged on 12 October 2012) Sandra White, Bill Walker

S4M-04470 Glasgow 2014, Scotland's Time To Shine (lodged on 12 October 2012) Graeme Dey, James Dornan

S4M-04469 Getting Active with the Big Lottery Fund (lodged on 12 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04465 East Renfrewshire Volunteers Week (lodged on 11 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04456 Families Need Fathers (lodged on 10 October 2012) Willie Rennie

S4M-04438 Being Taller is No Excuse (lodged on 09 October 2012) Alison McInnes

S4M-04411 The Role of Crofting in the Highlands and Islands (lodged on 05 October 2012) Sandra White

S4M-04395 Know Where To Go (lodged on 04 October 2012) Maureen Watt, Richard Simpson

S4M-04353 Plaque to Rabbie Burns (lodged on 02 October 2012) Colin Keir, Stuart McMillan, Gil Paterson, Maureen Watt, Mark McDonald, David Torrance, Colin Beattie, Alex Johnstone, Dennis Robertson, Kevin Stewart, Anne McTaggart, Roderick Campbell, Annabelle Ewing, Nanette Milne, Chic Brodie, Mike MacKenzie, Helen Eadie, Rob Gibson, Fiona McLeod, Richard Lyle, Hanzala Malik, Patricia Ferguson, John Wilson, Brian Adam, Adam Ingram, Bill Kidd

S4M-04327 British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly Autumn Plenary (lodged on 01 October 2012) Michael McMahon

S4M-04311 Archaeological Dig at Stracathro (lodged on 01 October 2012) Colin Keir, Joan McAlpine, Dennis Robertson, Maureen Watt, Colin Beattie, Richard Lyle, Graeme Dey, Gordon MacDonald, Bill Kidd, Brian Adam, Angus MacDonald, Mike MacKenzie, Nanette Milne, Adam Ingram, David Torrance, Gil Paterson, Kevin Stewart, Kenneth Gibson, Rob Gibson

S4M-04270 Sea Mammal Research Unit Launches PAMBuoy Device (lodged on 26 September 2012) Mark McDonald*

S4M-04226 William Murdoch, The Scot Who Lit the World (lodged on 21 September 2012) Kezia Dugdale, Willie Coffey

S4M-04217 Christian Aid, Tax Justice Bus (lodged on 20 September 2012) Ken Macintosh, Sarah Boyack

S4M-04027 Caring for and Curing Boys and Men with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (lodged on 07 September 2012) Richard Simpson

S4M-03719 Fair Fees for International Students (lodged on 30 July 2012) Richard Baker



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Section H – New Documents

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 November 2012 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 2(7) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999
and Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 November 2012 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/303)
laid under section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 November 2012 and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2012 (SG/2012/233)-

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year to 31 March 2012 (SG/2012/234)-
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

Committee Reports

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact either the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee [webpage](#))



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Section I – Petitions

The following Petition was lodged with the Parliament on 9 November 2012

[PE1448](#) Petition by Grant Thomson on improving awareness of the cancer risks in organ transplantation.

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx>



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Section J – Progress of Legislation

For further information on the progress of Bills and subordinate legislation, contact either the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for details).

Bills in Progress

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is three sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Thursday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is four days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for Stage 2, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill (G)
Introduced

3 October

Lead committee – Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment

Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament) <i>Stage 1 Report - Finance Committee (6th report, 2012)</i>	15 November 2012
High Hedges (Scotland) Bill (M) Introduced <i>Lead committee – Local Government and Regeneration</i>	2 October
Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G) Passed	31 October
Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill (G) Stage 2 (Justice Committee)	13 November
Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 2 completed <i>Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	30 October
Water Resources (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Infrastructure and Capital Investment))	7 November

Subordinate legislation in progress
(date of laying) (Lead Committee)

Instruments subject to approval

Instrument subject to approval by 19 November 2012

Fishing Boats (Satellite-tracking Devices) (Scotland) Scheme 2012 (SSI 2012/264) (28 September 2012) (**Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment**)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 19 November 2012

Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Relevant Premises) Regulations 2012 [draft] (25 September 2012) (**Justice**)

Lead committee to report by 22 November 2012

Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008 (Ticket Touting Offence)
(Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
(28 September 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

Lead committee to report by 26 November 2012

Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (Premiums) Regulations 2012 [draft] (2 October
2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Lead committee to report by 30 November 2012

Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 Amendment Order 2012 [draft] (18 October 2012)
(Finance)

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013 [draft]
(22 October 2012) **(Referendum (Scotland) Bill)**

Lead committee to report by 3 December 2012

Homelessness (Abolition of Priority Need Test) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
(25 October 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Housing Support Services (Homelessness) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
(25 October 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Lead committee to report by 9 December 2012

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft]
(31 October 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Lead committee to report by 16 December 2012

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) (No. 2) Order 2013 [draft]
(7 November 2012) **(Welfare Reform)**

Lead committee to report by 18 December 2012

Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
(9 November 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Negative Instruments

Members should note that the deadline for the lead committee to report by is an administrative deadline. Lead committees normally report on negative instruments only after considering a motion recommending annulment of the instrument. Where Members have queries in relation to this deadline, they should contact the clerks to the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

Subject to annulment by 15 November 2012
Lead committee to report by 5 November 2012

Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Assistance to Registered Social Landlords and Other Persons) (Grants) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/258) (21 September 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Subject to annulment by 18 November 2012
Lead committee to report by 12 November 2012

Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/259) (24 September 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Town and Country Planning (Prescribed Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/260) (24 September 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Subject to annulment by 25 November 2012
Lead committee to report by 19 November 2012

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/266) (1 October 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 30 November 2012
Lead committee to report by 26 November 2012

Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/276) (19 October 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 2 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 26 November 2012

Snares (Identification Numbers and Tags) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/282) (24 October 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 3 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 26 November 2012

INSPIRE (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/284) (25 October 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 7 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 3 December 2012

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/285) (29 October 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Road Works (Maintenance) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/286) (29 October 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Subject to annulment by 9 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 3 December 2012

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/289) (31 October 2012) **(Justice)**

Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/290) (31 October 2012) **(Justice)**

High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/291) (31 October 2012) **(Justice)**

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/292) (31 October 2012) **(Justice)**

Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/293) (31 October 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 10 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 3 December 2012

Crofting Register (Scotland) Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/294) (1 November 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Crofting Register (Fees) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/295) (1 November 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Crofting Register (Notice of First Registration) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/296) (1 November 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Crofting Register (Transfer of Ownership) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/297) (1 November 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 17 December 2012
Lead committee to report by 10 December 2012

International Recovery of Maintenance (Hague Convention 2007) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/301) (8 November 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 18 December 2012

Lead committee to report by 10 December 2012

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/303)
(9 November 2012) (**Welfare Reform**)

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